



## Presumptive Eligibility Medi-Cal (PE) for Pregnancy

### What is Presumptive Eligibility or PE?

Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women is a Medi-Cal program that is designed to provide immediate, temporary coverage for prenatal care to low-income, pregnant women and teens pending a formal Medi-Cal application.

- **Note: For continued coverage under Medi-Cal, women MUST fill out a regular Medi-Cal application by the end of the month after she gets PE.**

### Who is eligible?

Any woman or teen who thinks she is pregnant, lives in the State of California and intends to stay here (i.e. meets residency requirements), meets the income guidelines, and has no health insurance or lacks insurance coverage for prenatal care. PE can be used while awaiting full Medi-Cal determination, in other words, even after applying for regular Medi-Cal, although that is not the usual order! Usually PE comes first, then regular Medi-Cal.

### What are the income and resource limits?

- To qualify for Presumptive Eligibility the family income must be below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Applicants self-declare their income.
- Resources, like a car, house, or savings account, do not count in this program.

Use until March 31, 2010

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?	PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY GROSS MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS 200%FPL
1	At or below \$ 1,805
2 (pregnant women count as two)	At or below \$ 2,429
3	At or below \$ 3,052
4	At or below \$ 3,675
5	At or below \$ 4,299
6	At or below \$ 4,922
7	At or below \$ 5,545
8	At or below \$ 6,169
9	At or below \$ 6,793
10	At or below \$ 7,417

### What does it cost?

There is no cost to women who qualify for the program.

### **What papers are needed to apply.**

None.

### **Does immigration status matter?**

No, but the applicant must be a California resident, i.e. live in California and intend to stay here. This is a self-declaration that states that you will be able to prove residency with documentation on the full Medi-Cal application.

### **How and where do women apply for services?**

Presumptive Eligibility services are available through participating providers – clinics and doctor offices. The provider will ask you to fill out a simple application and determine your eligibility.

To find a Presumptive Eligibility provider in your area look on the web at:

<http://lapublichealth.org/mch/cpsp/cpspproviders/providerlist.htm>. **Note:** This is the CPSP web site.

The State does not provide a list of P.E. providers, however, most CPSP providers are also P.E. providers.

### **What services are provided?**

Presumptive Eligibility covers pregnancy test, ambulatory (out-patient) prenatal care, prescription drugs for conditions related to pregnancy, out-patient abortion procedures and limited preventive dental services.

Services NOT covered under PE include: inpatient services, family planning and delivery. If a pregnant woman needs a procedure that is not a PE benefit she should apply for full Medi-Cal and make it retroactive to cover any months (up to three months back) in which she received services.

### **I'm a teenager can I get PE?**

Yes. If you are living on your own, only your income will count. If you are living with your parents, their income will be counted as well. If you are living with your parents and wish to receive confidential services, apply for the Minor Consent program at your local Department of Public Social Services office (call 1-877-597-4777) or at a clinic that has an Eligibility Worker on site (ask at 1-877-597-4777).

### **What should be done if someone has a problem getting Presumptive Eligibility services?**

Contact the PE Support Unit at **1-800-824-0088**, the Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles at **1-800-896-3203** or MCH Access at (213) 749-4261.