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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 ambulatory (no overnight hospitalization) pregnancy-related care and abortion to low-income, pregnant individuals pending the approval of a formal Medi-Cal application.

- **Note: For continued coverage under Medi-Cal, there is a 2nd step. Individuals MUST fill out a regular Medi-Cal application by the end of the month after they get PE.**

Who is eligible?

Any adult or teen who thinks they are pregnant, lives in the State of California and intends to stay here (i.e. meets residency requirements) and meets the income guideline. PE can be used while awaiting a full Medi-Cal determination. An individual with private health insurance is also eligible for PE if they meet income and California Residency requirements.

How does PE last?

PE initially lasts the month in which it is given, plus the following month. If the pregnant individual does not file an application for Medi-Cal, they cannot renew their PE coverage. For pregnant individuals who file an application for Medi-Cal, their PE period will last until the day a Medi-Cal eligibility determination is made.

What is the income and resource limits?

- To qualify for Presumptive Eligibility the family income must be below 213% of the Federal Poverty Level. Applicants self-declare their income. Child support or cash gifts do not count as income in determining eligibility.

Use until December 31, 2023

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR FAMILY?	PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY GROSS MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS 213% FPL	ANNUAL INCOME
2 (pregnancy counts as two)	At or below \$ 3,502	\$ 42,004
3	At or below \$ 4,414	\$ 52,952
4	At or below \$ 5,325	\$ 63,900
5	At or below \$ 6,239	\$ 74,849
6	At or below \$ 7,151	\$ 85,797
EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER, ADD	\$ 914	\$ 10,949

- Resources, like a car, house, or savings account, do not count in this program.

What does it cost?

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

***This is the state's name for the program, with the acronym PE4PW. They have been encouraged to change the name to be more inclusive, but have not done so.**

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 individuals 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://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/Find-a-Qualified-Provider-to-Enroll.aspx>

What services are provided?

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

Services NOT covered under PE include: inpatient services, family planning and delivery. If a pregnant individual needs a procedure that is not a PE benefit they should apply for full Medi-Cal and make it retroactive to cover any months (up to three months back) in which they 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 Health Consumer Center of Los Angeles at **1-800-896-3202** or MCH Access at **(213) 749-4261**.