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Hello CHAMPers!

Welcome to October's issue of CHAMP-Net News. The flu season will be here soon and we want to make sure we are all prepared! As we say goodbye to the warm weather and approach the winter season, please remind families to complete their children's check-ups and to stay on top of all their immunizations.

Here are some of the items we will cover in October's edition of CHAMP-Net News:

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Sincerely,

Diana Andrade, Sr. Program & Education Specialist

 **CHAMP-Net will have a NEW look soon!**

We are launching the new and improved CHAMP-Net website on November 3! We are very excited to bring you a brand new, user-friendly website that will meet all your needs as health advocates and CAAs. We will include county-specific information regarding Fresno, Imperial, Kern and Shasta Counties on our website. Please [email us](#) during this month if you have any suggestions for the new website, and look for the new CHAMP-Net soon!

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Have a question or comment regarding CHAMP-Net or CHAMP-Net News? Please share your suggestions by contacting Nabihah Basrai at nbasrai@nhfca.org or 213.538.0745. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Spotlight on:
Pregnant Teen & Parenting Support Program
Each month CHAMP-Net News will highlight a current NHF program.**

In response to the drastic increase of U.S. teen births, the National Health Foundation developed the Pregnant Teen and Parenting Support Program. Funded by The Harold Edelman Foundation, this program is designed to prevent subsequent pregnancies and births among first time pregnant or parenting adolescents. Facilitated in a high school setting, the program includes both individual services and peer group educational sessions.

Core activities of the program revolve around a series of weekly workshops and presentations that help each participant utilize appropriate health care for self and child, enhance parenting abilities, ensure teens remain in high school with the goal of graduation/completion, prepare for employment by learning job search and interview skills and avoid a second pregnancy during program participation. NHF has partnered with Los Angeles Unified School District to provide these services within select high school settings in South Central

2008 CAA Forum

The 2008 CAA Forum will take place at The California Endowment on December 16! Please save the date for this all-day event. The day will be filled with valuable updates on healthcare program and policy and will be a great opportunity for individuals to network. We look forward to seeing you there! Check [CHAMP-Net](#) for more information as the date gets closer.

Click here for [directions](#).

2008 Healthy Neighborhood Festival

The Center for Healthy Communities presents its 3rd annual Healthy Neighborhood Festival, a block party for downtown Los Angeles that celebrates well-being, healthy choices and cultural excitement. Healthy living is fun for the whole family! Mark your calendars for October 11 for this fun event! It will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The California Endowment

Click here for [directions](#).

Don't forget....

October 6 is National Child's Health Day. Do your part and pledge to be an active role model for the children in our community. Approximately 1 in 6 U.S. children between 2 and 19 is overweight, a risk factor for serious health consequences including asthma, diabetes and heart disease. Help children *Eat Healthy and Be Active for a Healthy Future!* Click [here](#) for more information!



Program Updates

Healthy Kids

Los Angeles County

Last month, LA Care Health Plan announced that the Healthy Kids Program for children ages 6-18 will continue for current members through the end of 2008. The Children's Health Initiative of Greater Los Angeles continues to work to keep the program going beyond that. The Healthy Kids Program for children ages 0-5 remains open to new members.

Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan

Open in Los Angeles & Orange County!

Thank you to all of the advocates for doing an amazing job in

Los Angeles.

This program supports and collaborates with local education agencies and efforts to assist with advocating for pregnant and parenting teens to stay in school until graduation. To help reach these objectives, NHF is facilitating the coordination of community services and resources on health care and nutritional education, parenting and child development and vocational and career planning.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Diana Andrade at dandrade@nhfca.org.

submitting KPCHP Applications! We would like to bring a few points to your attention in filling out these forms to ensure their completion and accuracy:

- Please note that the individual filling out the application must be over the age of 18
- Children cannot be receiving employer sponsored insurance from their parents, and they also must not be offered employer sponsored insurance. If they have/are being offered any health insurance through their employer, they cannot apply for KPCHP.
- If proof of income is not attached, the application will be denied
- Unborn children do not count in the family size*
- Parents that are self-employed (ex: day laborer) should submit a 3-month profit and loss statement and check the "self-employed" category under "employment status" on the application.

*Please note that the rules for family size for this program are different than the family size rules for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. Please contact us for more in-depth information on how the KPCHP program calculates family size.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CHAMP Team at askthetrainers@champ-net.org for any questions.

CaliforniaKids & OptumHealth Savings Program

As you may know, California Kids is a privately sponsored program that provides preventive and primary healthcare to undocumented children. We are happy to announce that CaliforniaKids has partnered with OptumHealth to develop a health savings plan for adults.

This plan expands access to healthcare services for uninsured adults between the ages of 19 and 49 who reside in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. For a monthly premium of \$17, families can access over 20,000 providers and will be able to receive services at a reduced rate. Please note that families will be responsible for paying the provider at the time of the visit.

For additional questions and to get an enrollment form, contact CaliforniaKids at 818-755-9700.

→ CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Newborn Referral Form

When working with pregnant clients who are enrolled in Medi-Cal (full-scope or pregnancy only coverage), it is a good idea to ask the client to fill out the Newborn Referral Form (MC 330) when they visit your office prior to delivery to ensure that the newborn gets immediately enrolled into Medi-Cal. Babies born to mothers on Medi-Cal are considered Deemed Eligible. Keep the form on file along with their due date and either ask the client to call you soon after delivery or try to call the client around her due

date. Once the baby is born, fax the form to DPSS to enroll the newborn into Medi-Cal. When communicating with the Medi-Cal eligibility worker, ask the EW to add the newborn case to the mother's case. Lastly, Deemed Eligible babies are exempt from the DRA proof of identity and citizenship requirements.
*Please fax your forms to 213.763.8666 and not to your local office.

Let us know if you have any further questions at askthetrainers@champ-net.org.

→ CHAMP-Net's Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

Dear Trainer,

I have a question regarding the Healthy Families Program. Can a father who is not living with his child apply to Healthy Families to receive healthcare coverage for that child?

Thanks!

Jesse

Dear Jesse,

It is always nice to hear from you! The answer to your question is yes. The Healthy Families Program allows an absent father to apply for his child even if the child is not living with him. However, don't forget that the program will only take into consideration the family size and income of the household where the child lives. For example, if the child is living with mom, even though dad is the one applying, the application should reflect the members of the family that live with mom and mom's income.

We hope this information helps!

-The CHAMP Team

→ CHAMP Training: Application Documentation Training

The Application Documentation training is geared to help participants become more acquainted with all the documents that can be used to apply to various healthcare programs. During the training, participants will practice using documents required for proof of income (tax forms, profit and loss statements, and self affidavits), proof of deductions, proof of California residency, and much more! This training was recently updated to include the documentation requirements for the Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan. If you or anyone at your agency

could benefit from this training, please contact Tricia Fitzgerald at 213.538.0778 or tfitzgerald@nhfca.org to schedule a training.

→ CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: San Francisco

The city and county of San Francisco has made huge strides to make healthcare accessible to everyone. This month we want to highlight some programs that are available in San Francisco. Thank you to all those in San Francisco who work so hard to connect people with healthcare services.

San Francisco Healthy Kids

This is a health insurance program offered by San Francisco Health Plan (SFHP), providing medical services, dental care and vision care. The cost for this program depends on family income and size. Payments range from \$48-\$108 a year. In order to qualify children must be under 18 years of age, not eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, and fall within the income guidelines. Documentation status is not required. Find out more information on the program please call 415.777.9992 or visit their website www.sfhp.org.

Healthy San Francisco

This is a program that allows uninsured adults in San Francisco to access ongoing medical care. Some of these services include routine care, prescriptions, specialty care, emergency care, and mental health. In order to qualify the individuals must be between the ages of 18-64, and cannot qualify for another healthcare program. The family income must fall under 300% of the Federal Income Guidelines (FIG). This program is available to residents of San Francisco regardless of their documentation status. There is a sliding scale fee based on the FIG. These fees are paid quarterly and range between \$0-\$150. There is also a small co-pay at the time of accessing services, also on a sliding scale.

Those who want to apply need to make an appointment with a CAA in one of the clinics listed on the [website](#). Once they complete the application and present the required documents they will be assigned a medical home. If you need more information you can visit their website: www.healthysanfrancisco.org or call the Healthy San Francisco Hotline at 415.615.4500.



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