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Hello CHAMPers!

The seasons are changing and as we enter spring we welcome warmer weather and brighter colors. For the CHAMP Team spring also means the revision and review process of all CHAMP training materials to update any program changes and Federal Income Guideline charts. We worked closely with health program staff and experts to verify that all the information provided on CHAMP-Net and in CHAMP trainings is concise and correct. We welcome the 2011-2012 Federal Income Guidelines that are effective as of April 1, 2011 for public and private healthcare coverage programs for adults and children. Please visit [CHAMP-Net](#) to download all revised information and material, including CHAMP Manuals, handouts, and the new 2011-2012 Federal Income Guidelines.

In this month's issue of CHAMP-Net News, we highlight many more important topics of interest to health advocates including:

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Best,

Sonia Gándara, Program & Education Specialist

News and Events

Attention Los Angeles County Residents: Community Resource and Job Fair
Service Planning Area (SPA) 6 School Readiness Task Force presents: *Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds, Healthy Futures - a Community Resource and Job Fair*
Date: April 8, 2011



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*Spotlight on:
[NHF Tribute
Dinner](#)
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highlights a
current NHF
project*

On Tuesday March 15, 2011, National Health Foundation (NHF) in association with the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) honored Dr. David T. Feinberg, CEO and Associate Vice Chancellor of UCLA Hospital System, in a *Celebration of Leadership, Vision, and Commitment*. This premier Tribute Dinner Event, which was held at The

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Charles Drew University, 1731 E. 120th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90059

For more information, please contact Yesenia Hernandez or Joe Roque at 323.249.2950.

For the Kids Health Fair

Glendale Healthy Kids invites the community For the Kids Health Fair, including *FREE* health screenings. Please click [here](#) for more information on the services provided.

Date: April 9, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: Edison Pacific Community Center, 501 S. Pacific Ave., Glendale, CA 91204

Los Angeles County Residents: Dia de Salud (Health Day)

Club Rotario Latinos Unidos and Volunteers of America are sponsoring *Dia de Salud*.

FREE health and medical services will be provided to all Los Angeles County residents.

Date: April 30, 2011

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 240 N. Breed Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

SAVE THE DATE: 2011 California Partnership of Healthcare Advocates (CPHA) Regional Conferences

The California Partnership of Healthcare Advocates would like to invite all CAAs and health advocates to the 2011 CPHA Regional Conferences: *Navigating the New Health Laws: Your Role Today and Tomorrow*.

Northern California Date: September 14, 2011

Location: Hilton Stockton, 2323 Grand Canal Road, Stockton, CA 95207

Southern California Date: September 28, 2011

Location: Etiwanda Gardens, 7576 Etiwanda Ave., Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91739

Please visit [CHAMP-Net](#) or contact Catherine Sepulveda at 323.295.9372 for more details.

Medi-Cal Managed Care for Seniors and People with Disabilities - FREE Community Presentations

People with disabilities and seniors who have Medi-Cal only (not Medicare) are encouraged to come to a free presentation to learn about Medi-Cal changes. In 2011 or 2012, you will probably need to enroll in a Medi-Cal Health Plan. Very few people can stay in Regular Medi-Cal. Learn about the Medi-Cal Health Plans and when and how to enroll in one. Please click [here](#) to view county presentation fliers.

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Healthcare Coverage Program Updates

NEW 2011-2012 Federal Income Guidelines

As of April 1st the 2011-2012 Federal Income Guidelines (FIG) will take effect for healthcare coverage programs eligibility processes. Also known as the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), these guidelines are used by public and private healthcare coverage programs for children and adults to screen for family income eligibility. Update your material and information on children's eligibility by visiting [CHAMP-Net Resources](#) section for a breakdown of FIGs by program.

The new Federal Income Guidelines can also change and widen the community of uninsured families who are now eligible for healthcare coverage but not enrolled. They can also make an impact on currently enrolled families and their existing coverage. For families enrolled in the Healthy Families Program be advised that the FIG can change the category in which a family qualifies for their premiums. If a family's income has decreased, they can submit a [Premium Re-evaluation](#) form at any time throughout the

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, gathered the leaders and executives of the healthcare industry to honor Dr. Feinberg whose career has exemplified dedication and commitment to upholding the highest clinical standards for patient care and safety. There were 150 guests in attendance including 9 sponsor Hospitals. For more information, please contact Carlyne Ervin at 213-538-0744 or cervin@nhfca.org.

year to determine whether their premium payments should be lower.

Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) Premium Changes for Some Individuals

Due to federal government requirements, the California Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) has lowered the premiums for some subscribers effective January 1, 2011. Individuals who enrolled in the program from January 2011 to April 2011 and who are in the following age categories:

- Ages 15-18
- Ages 60-64
- Ages 65-69
- Ages 70-74
- Ages greater than 74

WILL:

1. See the premium change on the billing statement mailed in April for May 2011 coverage.
2. Receive a credit on their PCIP account for any amount paid from January 2011 through April 2011 for the difference between the new lower premiums and the old premiums.

Individuals currently enrolled in PCIP, will have the premium credit automatically applied to the billing statement mailed in April for May 2011 coverage and to subsequent months until exhausted. Subscribers who are no longer enrolled in PCIP, but were enrolled during January 2011 through April 2011, will receive a refund instead.

Note: Premiums did not change and have stayed the same for the following age categories: 0 through 14 years; and 19 through 59 years of age.

Please refer to the [new premium chart](#) and/or the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan website (http://www.pcip.ca.gov/PCIP_Program/PCIP_Premium_Changes.aspx) for more information.

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CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Medi-Cal Optometry Benefit Reimbursement for Adults

If an adult Medi-Cal beneficiary paid for eye test* during the period July 1, 2009 through July 29, 2010, they may be eligible to be reimbursed for cost of that service until May 1st, 2011. The Medi-Cal beneficiary must meet all of the following requirements in order to be eligible:

- A Medi-Cal beneficiary at the time of the eye exam,
- Received the eye exam at a Medi-Cal provider's office,

AND

- The amount paid is NOT part of a share of cost or Medi-Cal co-payment.

Medi-Cal beneficiaries can ask their Medi-Cal provider to be reimbursed for the eye exam and ask the Medi-Cal Program to be reimbursed for the service. **Requests must be submitted by May 1st in order to be eligible for reimbursement.** Please view the Department of Health Care Service (DHCS) [notice](#) or visit their [website](#).

*This DOES NOT include eyeglasses.

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Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

Dear Trainer,

Is CaliforniaKids available in Ventura County? If so, what is the cost?

Sincerely,

Jesse

Hi Jesse,

Thank you for your question.

Yes; CaliforniaKids (CaKids) is currently available in Ventura County. CaKids requires a premium payment of \$75/per month, per child and a one-time application processing fee of \$10. Please note that the processing fee, plus the first and second month's premium is due with the application (for every child that is seeking coverage).

For more information about CaKids and/or for an application form and instructions, please visit www.californiakids.org or www.champ-net.org .

Hope this helps!

Sincerely,

The CHAMP Team

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CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Napa

The mission of the Health and Human Services Agency of Napa County is to foster a partnership of clients, community members and staff to create leadership, vision and advocacy for the evolving health and human service needs of the people of Napa County. The following are some county programs available to Napa County residents:

California Children's Services (CCS) California Children Services (CCS) program provides financial assistance for diagnostic and treatment for children up to age 21 with a catastrophic or serious medical condition. Physical and occupational therapy services also are available. For more information, call (707) 253-4391.

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program (CHDP) The Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program offers preventive health services that identify and prevent disease and disabilities among low-income children and youth in Napa County. For more information, call (707) 253-4316.

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC) provides child welfare and juvenile probation departments with public health nursing expertise in meeting the medical, dental, mental health and developmental needs of children in foster care. For more

information, call (707) 259-8723 or click [here](#).

Medical Therapy Program (MTP)/Medical Therapy Unit (MTU) Children with physical handicaps who are eligible for the California Children Services (CCS) program may receive physical and/or occupational therapy through the Medical Therapy Unit (MTU). For more information, call (707) 259-8209 or click [here](#).

Universal Perinatal Home Visiting Program ("Welcome Every Baby") Home visiting program for newborns and their families. To apply mother should be in first 12 weeks of pregnancy or have a newborn who is less than 6 weeks old. For more information, call (707) 259-8190 or click [here](#).

Therapeutic Child Care Center(TCCC)

The TCCC provides enhanced infant-parent mental health services and child development services for children birth to age five, through a partnership between NCHHS Public Health and Child Start Inc. For more information, call (707) 253-6992.

For more information on these or other Napa County programs, please visit the county's Health and Human Services Agency website (<http://www.countyofnapa.org/HHSA/>) or call (707) 253-4279.

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