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Hello CHAMPers!

We have important news about Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan in Southern California.

**Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan is closing for all new enrollments to recently opened counties of Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego as of December 5, 2011.**

As KPCHP quickly reached capacity, all applications submitted through One-E-App will be processed through the close of business day on December 5. Applications received after the cutoff date will be regrettably denied.

As December 5th is fast approaching, act quickly on any existing KPCHP applications not yet submitted or any new applications for eligible children. Please remember only applications submitted using One-E-App are being accepted for review. Individuals as well as agencies not funded to use One-E-App can access the system using the public access sites. To access the public sites in English and Spanish visit: [www.myoneeapp.org](http://www.myoneeapp.org).

For more information on KPCHP eligibility please click [here](#). To view a list of qualified enrollment agencies that can assist in the application process please click [here](#).

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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We want to thank all of the CAAs and health advocates in LA, Orange and San Diego Counties for their hard work and

CHAMP-Net News? Please share your suggestions by contacting the CHAMP team at [askthetrainers@champ-net.org](mailto:askthetrainers@champ-net.org) OR 213.538.0774. We look forward to hearing from you!

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*Spotlight on:*

[NHF Program: After the Hospital - A Haven for Homeless Patients to Recuperate](#)

*Each month CHAMP-Net News highlights a current NHF project*

On October 1st, 2010, in partnership with the Hospital Association of Southern California and the Illumination Foundation, NHF opened the Recuperative Care Center of Los Angeles. Using best practices identified in the original Los Angeles Recuperative Care pilot project, the center provides hospitals a safe and appropriate discharge option for their homeless patients, while giving the homeless individual being discharged both the necessary medical aftercare, as well as assistance connecting to support services and housing

commitment to enrolling children in healthcare coverage. Happy holidays from the entire CHAMP team!

Best,  
Sonia Gándara, Program & Education Specialist

## News and Events

### Nutrition Basics

Please join El Monte Comprehensive Health Center in a Nutrition Basics workshop that will help El Monte residents learn about a nutritious diet. Walk-ins are welcome and please arrive 10 minutes before the workshop begins! For any questions please call (626) 579-8430.

Date: December 6, 2011

Time: Please click [here](#) for times in preferred language.

Location: El Monte Comprehensive Health Center  
10953 Ramona Boulevard, El Monte, CA 91731

### Health & Nutrition Mobile Office - Outreach Event

Los Angeles residents are invited to join the Department of Public Social Services in their efforts to create a better and healthier Los Angeles with their Health & Nutrition Mobile Services. Eligibility workers will be taking CalFRESH and Medi-Cal applications on site and the importance of healthy eating will be emphasized.

Date: December 12, 2011

Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Location: Homeless Outreach Program Integrated Care Services  
5717 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90037

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## CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Pay your premiums and keep your coverage!

Keeping and utilizing our children's healthcare coverage is an essential piece in their healthy development. Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan requires premium and copayments to access their services. The premium payments can range anywhere from \$8 to \$15 dollars per month per child, depending on the family income. Families only have to pay for the first three children enrolled. Any additional child(ren) will be covered at no cost. A \$5 dollar copayment is charged for most services.

Failure to make premium payments can lead to disenrollment from the program. Since KP Child Health Plan is about to close in LA, Orange and San Diego Counties on December 5, 2011, and no future reopen date has been set, it is crucial to

options. Currently, 35 hospitals are contracted to use the center; 31 private and 4 county. To read the entire article, click [here](#).

For more information on the Recuperative Care Center of Los Angeles, please contact Elizabeth Yang, Director of Recuperative Care Center, at [eyang@nhfca.org](mailto:eyang@nhfca.org).

keep up to date on all payments as coverage cannot be reinstated once the program has closed. The child will have to reapply once the program reopens.

If a child has been terminated from KP Child Health Plan due to unpaid premiums all inquiries should be directed to the billing department at 1-888-236-4490. Be advised that all new enrollments will end on **December 5th** and any reinstatements or late payment issues should be resolved with Billing before the end of the business day on December 5, 2011. Let's keep our children healthy by staying on top the premium payments.

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## Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

*Dear Trainer,*

*I am assisting a family that has had Kaiser as their health insurance and provider for many years. Recently, however, the family can no longer afford to pay out of pocket for their private insurance and has applied to the Healthy Families Program for their 3 children. The parent's question is the following: can they keep Kaiser as the children's health plan under the Healthy Families Program?*

*Sincerely,*

*Jesse*

Dear Jesse,

Thank you for your question.

Kaiser is an available health plan under the Healthy Families Program in some counties. In Los Angeles County, Kaiser IS one of the health plan options. If residing outside the Los Angeles area, please reference the Healthy Families Handbook (pages 51-95) and find the county where the children live to determine if Kaiser is a plan offered in their area.

Please note that children will need to first meet all Healthy Families Program requirements to be eligible for enrollment into the program and into an available health plan of their choice.

Hope this helps,

The CHAMP Team

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## CHAMP Training: Application Documentation Training

Finding the healthcare coverage programs applications to be more complicated when dealing with all the different documentation required? The CHAMP Team's Application Documentation Training is here to help get you acquainted with all the documents that can be used to apply to a variety of healthcare coverage programs, such as Medi-Cal, Healthy Families, and Healthy Kids. The training is customizable and focuses on documents required for proof of income (tax forms, self affidavits, and profit and loss statements), proof of deductions, proof of California residency, and much more!

If you would like to schedule a Application Documentation training, please contact, Tricia Fitzgerald at (213) 538-0778 or [tfitzgerald@nhfca.org](mailto:tfitzgerald@nhfca.org).

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## CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Monterey

The Monterey County Health Department's mission is to enhance, promote, and protect the health of Monterey County's individuals, families and communities. The following are some health programs available to county residents:

**California Children's Services (CCS)** - Statewide program providing medical case management and funding for authorized diagnostic and treatment services for a variety of medical conditions. For more information, call (831) 755-4747.

**Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP)** - Promote children's health through outreach and no-cost well child exams for eligible children. For more information, call (831) 755-4960.

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention (CLPPP)** - Community outreach and nursing case management to reduce the risk of lead poisoning in children. For more information, call (831) 755-4704.

**Medical Therapy Program (MTP)** - a special program within California Children's Services that provides physical therapy, occupational therapy, and medical therapy conference services for children who have handicapping conditions, generally due to neurological or musculoskeletal disorders. For more information, call (831)

755-4747

**Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP)** - offers special support services to Medi-Cal eligible pregnant and postpartum women for up to 60 days postpartum. CPSP clients receive ongoing orientation, assessment care, care plan development, case coordination, referrals, and appropriate nutrition, health education, and psychosocial services. If you are pregnant and interested in CPSP services, please contact a [Monterey County CPSP Provider](#) .

**Behavioral Health Adult Services** - Adult Services provides mental health services, medication support, case management, brokerage and groups for those individuals who have a chronic persistent mental illness and meet the targeted population of those we serve. That includes those people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and atypical psychosis. Behavioral Health Services are provided in the following locations:

- 1441 Constitution Blvd. Bldg 400, Ste. 202  
Salinas, CA 93906  
Phone: (831) 796-1700
- 1200 Aguajito Rd.  
Monterey, CA 93940  
Phone: (831) 647-7652
- 200 Broadway, Ste #88  
King City, CA 93930  
Phone: (831) 386-6868

**Behavioral Health Children's Services** - provides services to emotionally disturbed children and youth who are in or at risk of out of home placement or who are qualified under special education. Clinics are located in Salinas, Monterey and King City, although much of the services are home or school based. The following are clinic locations:

- 951 B Blanco Circle  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: (831) 784-2150
- 1000 South Main #210B  
Salinas, CA 93901  
Phone: (831) 796-1500
- 2150 Garden Rd.  
Monterey, CA 93940  
Phone: (831) 657-1360

For more information on these or other health programs, please visit the Monterey County Health Department at [www.mtyhd.org](http://www.mtyhd.org)

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