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Hello CHAMPers!

This October, National Health Foundation (NHF) is proud to highlight National Breast Cancer Awareness Month - a time to promote regular mammograms and increase early detection of breast cancer.

About 1 in 8 women in the United States will get breast cancer. Other than skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common kind of cancer in women. Mammograms can help detect breast cancer early so women have the best chance for treatment. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, breast cancer is the most common cause of death in Hispanic women. It is the second most common cause of death in White, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaskan Native women.

The following are general prevention guidelines for women:

- Women ages 50 to 74 should get a mammogram every 2 years.
- Women ages 40-49, should talk to their doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often to get them.

Please talk to your clients about the benefits of prevention practices in helping to reduce the risk of breast cancer. Mammograms for women over age 40 are covered under the new Affordable Care Act. Families should contact their insurance plan to find out if they may be able to get a mammogram at no cost. Women may also be eligible for the Cancer Detection Programs: Every Women Counts - a program that provides free clinical breast exams, mammograms, pelvic exams and Pap tests to California's under-served women. For more information, click [here](#).

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Spotlight on:

[NHF 2011 Annual Report](#)

Each month CHAMP-Net News highlights a current NHF project

The NHF 2011 Annual Report is now available [online](#). In addition to CHAMP training and CHAMP-Net, NHF operates a number of other projects in order to achieve its mission of improving the health of the underserved. NHF strives to address those issues that are most important in our community: chronic disease prevention and management; underserved children and families; and healthcare delivery

more important topics of interest to health advocates including:

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Best,
Jeanette Peña, Program Coordinator

News and Events

1st Annual Cancer and Health Awareness Community Festival

The festival will be held at the WLCAC Center and will include Health Care Trailers which will offer free mammograms, cholesterol, blood pressure, prostate, and HIV testing, along with various other services to thousands of local residents. This family friendly event will also include a kid zone, vendor areas, workshops, motorcycle show, and entertainment.

Date: October 8, 2011
Time: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Location: 10950 S. Central Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059

Health & Nutrition Mobile Office - Outreach Event

Long Beach 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. Especially targeting low income families in Los Angeles, eligibility workers will be taking CaFRESH and Medi-Cal applications on site at the Long Beach Multi Service Center.

Date: October 21, 2011
Time: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: 1301 W. 12th Street, Long Beach, CA 90813

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Healthcare Coverage Program Update

systems. This year's report highlights outcomes of NHF's most visible programs. For more information about NHF programs, please visit www.nhfca.org.

New Changes to Healthy Families Program Dental Benefits
Effective October 1st, 2011, there will be NO annual limit on covered dental benefits for subscribers. Healthy Families eliminated the dental coverage cap of \$1,500 in the dental Plan benefits. For more information, please visit the [MRMIB website](#).

***NEW* Healthy Kids Los Angeles Application Order Form**

L.A. Care Health Plan has released a NEW Enrollment Supplies Order Form for agencies requesting applications to the Healthy Kids (HK) program in Los Angeles County. The new order form has a new fax number where all order should be faxed to. Also, as a result of L.A. Care's recent location move - all Healthy Kids applications now include return envelopes with L.A. Care's new address.

Note: Agencies who already have a supply of HK applications, but would like to order **just** envelopes with L.A. Care's new address - they can use the COMMENTS/SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS section on the Enrollment Supplies Order Form and indicate "envelopes only" and the quantity. Otherwise, to order applications with return envelopes simply complete the New Enrollment Supplies Order Form and fax to the new fax number.

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CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: Medicare Open Enrollment Period has Changed!!!

Medicare has changed the Open Enrollment period this year: the new dates are **October 15, 2011 thru December 7th, 2011**. Open Enrollment changed to give beneficiaries more time to choose and join a Medicare Health or prescription drug plan. In most cases, this may be the one chance individuals have each year to make a change to their health and prescription drug coverage.

Each year, a plan may change how much it costs and what benefits are covered. The plan may also choose to not participate in Medicare for the upcoming year and/or stop providing coverage in a particular area. If either of those two things happen, the plan will send subscribers a letter before the start of the Open Enrollment period notifying them of the change. Even if a plan's costs and coverage stay the same, subscriber's health or finances may have changed. Remind families to review their plan each year to make sure it will meet their needs for the following year. If they are satisfied that their plan will meet their needs for the next year, they may not need to make any changes.

For more information on Medicare and the new Open Enrollment period, please visit www.medicare.gov

Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

Dear Trainer,

I am a Certified Application Assistant and have recently heard about the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan's reimbursements for CAA. Can you please provide me with more information?

Sincerely,

Jesse

Dear Jesse:

Thank you for your questions. Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP) has recognized that Certified Application Assistants (CAA) are vital resources in helping the uninsured receive healthcare coverage. Therefore, PCIP has just announced that they will provide Enrollment Entities (EE) with Application Assistance payments to PCIP certified CAAs that have helped California residents successfully enroll in the program.

Enrollment Entities must be registered with the Healthy Families Program (HFP) and the CAA must be certified for the PCIP Program.

To be eligible for the PCIP Application Assistance Payment:

- EEs do not need re-apply with HFP if already registered.
- EEs not currently registered with the HFP need to submit an Invitation to Participate (ITP) form to PCIP for approval.
- CAAs need to complete the PCIP certification training course.

The PCIP certification training course is a mandatory 2 hour training course entitled "PCIP 101," CAA must also take and pass the examination at the end of the training to become a PCIP Certified CAA.

For more information or any question regarding the Application Assistance Payment please contact the EE/CAA Liaison Helpdesk at 1-800-279-5012 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday or you can email your question to ee-caaliation@maximus.com.

FYI, you can find the NEW Pre-existing Conditions Insurance Plan [Handbook](#) on their website at www.pcip.ca.gov. The

PCIP Handbook and application was just revised and released September of 2011. It includes PCIP eligibility criteria, list of benefits, frequently asked questions, the updated premiums charts, and a PCIP application.

Hope this helps!

The CHAMP Team

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CHAMP Training: Review & Update

Is it time to refresh your memory on how to calculate family size and family income? If so, it is time to schedule a CHAMP Review and Update Training to get you up to speed on all LA county programs. The Review and Update Trainings is designed to keep assistors up to date on all program changes and keep refreshed on the process in which programs screen for eligibility. The training covers over changes regarding PCIP Premium reduction and Seniors & Persons with Disabilities (SPDs) enrollment into Managed Care Plans.

If you would like to participate in or host a Review & Update please contact Tricia Fitzgerald at (213) 538-0778 or tfitzgerald@nhfca.org.

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CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Riverside County

The Riverside County Department of Public Health promotes and protects the health of all County residents and visitors in service of the well-being of the community.

The following Riverside County programs are available to county residents:

Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program offers health assessments, hearing and vision testing, laboratory testing, immunizations and health education for California children. For more information on Riverside County's CHDP Program, please call 1-800-346-6520.

Healthy Kids is a low cost health care coverage program that provides health, dental, and vision coverage to children under the age of 19, who are Riverside or San Bernardino County Residents, and do not have no-cost healthcare coverage. For any questions please call 1-866-294-4347 or visit ww2.iehp.org.

California Children's Services (CCS) provides case

management for children with special healthcare needs. CCS offers an array of diagnostic and treatment services from outpatient care, surgeries, laboratory testing, and a wide variety of other essential health services. If you have any questions about CCS or for more information please call 1-951-358-5401.

Family Care Centers provide health care services to Riverside County residents. There are also a number of programs that are offered through these county facilities for children and adults. For a list of all Riverside County Family Care Centers please visit the Riverside County [Department of Public Health](#) or call 1-800-720-9553 to schedule an appointment.

Pediatric Immunizations are available for children under the age of 18 who need an assessment of immunizations. All medically necessary immunizations are provided. No-cost and low-cost immunizations are available for eligible patients. Pediatric Immunizations can be accessed at any [Family Care Center](#).

Riverside County Healthcare is a NO COST coverage program that services Riverside County resident's ages 19 to 64 years of age, who are U.S. Citizens/Nationals or Legal Permanent Resident of 5 + years, meet the income requirements, and if pregnant, do not qualify for Medi-Cal. The program offers both outpatient and inpatient services, as well as access to specialists and emergency care medical coverage. For more questions and to find out whether you are eligible, please call 1-877-501-5085.

There are many **Healthcare Connections** sites throughout Riverside County that offer free/low cost healthcare services and prescription drug assistance programs. To view a list of where to access these services please click [here](#).

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