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Hello CHAMPers!

Did you know that according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 191,410 women were diagnosed with breast cancer, and 40,820 women died from the disease in the United States in 2006? October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and it is the perfect time to schedule a mammogram. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that women between the ages 50-74 should schedule a screening every two years. For women concerned about the cost, National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP) offers free or low cost mammograms and education about breast cancer. To find out if you or your clients qualify for a free or low cost mammogram and where you can get screened, call 800.511.2300 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. For more information, please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).

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,

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***Spotlight on:
[Los Angeles Recuperative
Care Program Re-
Launches](#)
Each month CHAMP-Net
News highlights a
current NHF project.***

The Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) and National Health Foundation are excited to announce the grand re-opening of the Los Angeles Recuperative Care Program on October 1st, 2010. In partnership with the Illumination Foundation, a non-profit organization that addresses homelessness through integrated wrap around services, the new Los Angeles Recuperative

News and Events

Latinas en Control

Sponsored by the Breast Health Promotion Task Force of San Gabriel Valley, *Latinas en Control* promotes breast health. There will be information on free and low cost health care programs. Additionally, free mammograms will be given to low income women with no health insurance.

Location: Tzu Chi Foundation, 1100 S. Valley Center Ave., San Dimas, CA

Date: October 2, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Way Wen at 626.301.1938 or Hang Nguyen at 562.908.8508.

Bicentennial Health Month

In collaboration with several partners, the Mexican Government through the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles brings awareness on important health topics by providing education on preventive care, free medical screenings and referrals to health resources to more than 29,000 people through the County of Los Angeles.

Location: University of Southern California, 2101 Marengo, Los Angeles, CA 90033

Date: October 9, 2010

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

For more information, please contact Alan Sanchez at 213.351.6800 ext. 2308, or DPSS Community Outreach Coordinator, Hang Nguyen, at 562.908.8508.

Free Health Screenings for LA City Residents

FamilySource -Cypress Park is hosting free Health Screenings for Los Angeles residents that have low to moderate income. The Cypress Park FamilySource Center has partnered with Arroyo Vista Family Health Center to provide: Vision Screenings, Hearing Tests, Blood Pressure Checks, Height/Weight, and HIN1 Vaccines (limited to availability). The FamilySource Center - Cypress Park is a one-stop community resource hub offering *FREE* services and programs for Los Angeles city residents to help improve family and individual income and youth academic success. Please provide your proof of address, income and photo identification.

Location: FamilySource Center - Cypress Park, 929 Cypress Ave. Los Angeles, CA. 90065

Dates: October 21

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m

For more information please call 323-226-1682 or Arroyo Vista Family Health Center 323-987-2028.

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Care Program will feature: a "quick and easy" referral process with a single point of contact; one page electronic referral form; hospital is notified "within four business hours" of receipt of referral on patient's status; patient's average length of stay is 10 days. Hospitals will also receive monthly e-updates. Participating hospitals will be able to begin making referrals on October 1st.

The LA Recuperative Care Program will host an Open House on Wednesday, October 6th, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Guided tours will be provided every 30 minutes. The new location is at the Reno Motel/Illumination Foundation, 5136 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016. For more information, please contact Johana Alvarado at 213.538.0745 or via email at jalvarado@nhfca.org.

Healthcare Reform Update

The New Spanish Healthcare.gov Website Launches

This September, the department of Health and Human Services launched Healthcare.gov. This website allows consumers to take control of their health coverage. The website connects consumers with information and resources that will help them access medical services at an affordable cost. Healthcare.gov also has a Spanish counterpart, CuidadodeSalud.gov. These websites are the first to offer consumers medical coverage options based on public and private programs that are specific to their needs. Healthcare.gov is a new and innovative tool that is easy to use. For further information, please visit Healthcare.gov

Lanza el sitio web *CuidadodeSalud.gov* en Español

En Septiembre, el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos lanzo el sitio de web, CuidadodeSalud.gov en donde permite a los consumidores tomar control de su cobertura médica. El sitio conecta a los consumidores con información y recursos que les ayudara acceder servicios médicos a un costo razonable. El sitio CuidadodeSalud.gov es el sitio socio de Healthcare.gov, y es el primer sitio en español que ofrece a los consumidores las opciones de cobertura médica basada en programas públicos y privados que son especifico a sus necesidades usando una herramienta fácil de usar Visite CuidadodeSalud.gov para más información.

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Program Updates

CaliforniaKids

The CaliforniaKids (CalKids) is an independent non-profit organization that provides comprehensive preventive and primary health care services for children ages 2 through 18. Children enrolled in the program receive medical and dental care; however hospitalizations, major surgery and vision are not covered benefits. Co-payments vary depending on the service. For more information about CalKids [click here](#).

The program is open for enrollment, and families can get an application [online](#) or by calling 818-755-9700. If a family applies for coverage by October 12, 2010, their application will be processed for benefits effective November 1, 2010. If they apply after October 12, 2010, they will be processed for benefits

effective December 1, 2010.

Due to a lack of funding, premiums are being raised to \$75 per member per month in order to keep the program open. New members will be required to pay a monthly premium of \$75 per child. Currently, members pay a monthly premium of \$49; however the premium amount will increase to \$75 for existing members starting January 2011. Members who cannot pay the higher premium will be disenrolled.

CalKids is available in Los Angeles County and other counties in California. For more information about CalKids, visit their [website](#) or call 818-755-9700. The [CHAMP Team](#) is also available to answer any questions about the program and these changes.

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CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: PCIP & MRMIP Comparison Fact Sheet Available

Since last month, applications have been available for the new Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP), also known as the federal high risk pool - a health insurance program providing coverage to individuals who have been denied health coverage or offered unaffordable rates. In California, PCIP is being offered alongside the State's high risk pool program, Major Risk Medical Insurance Program (MRMIP), a health insurance option also available to individuals with a pre-existing condition who have been denied individual health insurance or have been offered high priced coverage that they cannot afford. So what's the difference between the two programs?

There are notable differences between PCIP and MRMIP that should be considered by individuals seeking to apply to either of the programs including eligibility requirements, premium and out-of-pocket expenses, enrollment caps. To help you assist individuals in choosing the best program that meets their health needs, the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board has released a [fact sheet](#) detailing the differences.

As health care advocates, it is important to help individuals with pre-existing conditions understand the differences and apply for appropriate health coverage programs. **Note:** Individuals who are already in the MRMIP program are not eligible to apply to PCIP, as program eligibility requires that individuals have no health insurance coverage in the six months prior to the application.

For additional information on MRMIP and PCIP program, please visit the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board website [here](#).

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Ask The Trainer Question of the Month

**We would like to make a correction to the September Ask the Trainer Question of the Month: When determining family income under the Medi-Cal Program for a pregnant woman, income of the following individuals counts: themselves, their spouse, their children biological or adopted. Income for a boyfriend DOES NOT count for a pregnant woman. Thank you to Liz Ramirez of Maternal and Child Health Access for bringing this to our attention and for her commitment to enrolling families in appropriate coverage. To see the complete answer, [click here](#).*

Dear Trainer,

I was being covered through the Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) program for my pregnancy services. Unfortunately, my pregnancy did not come to term. Am I still responsible for my subscriber contribution?

Sincerely,

Jesse

Hi Jesse,

Unfortunately, AIM beneficiaries are responsible for their subscriber contribution (1.5% of their annualized income) regardless of whether a child is born. If your pregnancy ended within the first trimester, you may request a reduced subscriber contribution by completing the [Early End of Pregnancy Form](#). For more information, you can visit the [AIM Program website](#) or call 1-800-433-2611.

Hope this helps!

Sincerely,

The CHAMP Team

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CHAMP Training: Out of County Trainings

Did you know that NHF offers a wide variety of CHAMP trainings for new and experienced assistors in all 58 California counties? If your agency is located outside of Los Angeles County, CHAMP trainings are available to you as well. The CHAMP team will work with you to schedule a training that meets the needs of your agency. For more information about trainings throughout California, please contact Brooke Fox at 213.538.0774

or bfox@nhfca.org.

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CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: El Dorado

El Dorado is located in the historic Gold Country, in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and foothills of eastern California. The mission of the Public Health Department of El Dorado is to promote the health and safety of people, their animals and the communities of El Dorado County by providing leadership and expertise in the areas of: Prevention, Access, Information, Collaboration, Safety and Direct Service. The following are some county programs:

IZ Extreme Program is a free immunization program for 6th grade students (7-8 grade students who have never participated in the program are also eligible) in participating El Dorado County schools. The vaccines, designed for pre-teens, are given at the school during school hours. Parental permission is required. For more information, please call 530-621-6112 or 530-573-3165

California Children's Services (CCS) is a program that assists families with children who have serious medical conditions. It provides diagnosis and treatment services, medical case management, physical and occupational therapy services to children with eligible medical conditions (from birth to age 21). For more information call: 530-621-6128 or 530-573-3157 or visit [here](#).

Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program provides complete health and dental assessments for early detection and prevention of diseases and disabilities in children and youth (including school entry exams, sports physicals and immunizations). This program serves:

- Medi-Cal eligible children to age 21; and
- Low income children at or below 200 percent of poverty, birth to age 19.

For more information call 530-621-6110 or 530-573-3165 or click [here](#).

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPCFC)- Public health nurses are located in county child welfare service agencies and probation departments to provide expertise in meeting the medical, dental, mental and developmental needs of children and youth in foster care. The nurses advocate for the health needs of the child, provide medical case planning and coordination, serve as a resource to facilitate referrals to early intervention providers, and

oversee the creation and updating of the Health and Education Passport. For more information call: 530.642.4817 or click [here](#).

Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) offers a wide range of education, prevention, treatment, and counseling services directly and through contracts with community based agencies. For additional information on the type of services offered, call 530.621.6146.

Maternal Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) - Assists women, children and their families to access care and improve their health. Services are free of charge and include: assessing health and psychosocial needs, consultation and teaching about illness and disease, helping families access medical systems and find specialty care information on how to have a healthy pregnancy and caring for your child. For more information, please call toll-free at 1-800-844-4491.

For more information on these and other programs, click [here](#) to visit the El Dorado County Public Health Department.

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