

Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP)

Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program is a federal and state supported preventive healthcare program that provides free health check-ups for infants, children, teens, and young adults in low-income families. CHDP helps identify and prevent health problems, links children with treatment, education, and support services when needed and encourages families to seek preventive health care. The main purpose of the program is to make certain that children from low income families have access to complete preventive exams at no cost.

Who is eligible?

- Children from birth to age 19 who are not enrolled in Medi-Cal who meet the income requirements
- Medi-Cal participants from birth to age 21 (children in Medi-Cal Managed Care programs receive CHDP services from their Medi-Cal Managed Care providers)
- Children in Head Start and State preschool programs
- Newborns who are born to mothers on Medi-Cal

How does immigration status affect eligibility?

Immigration status is not used to determine eligibility.

What are the income limits?

Children may be eligible if they receive Medi-Cal OR if their family income is at or below 200% of the FIG.

(Use until March 31, 2010)

Number of People in Family	Children Birth through Age 18 Gross Monthly Income Not over 200%FIG
1	\$ 1,805
2	\$ 2,429
3	\$ 3,052
4	\$ 3,675
5	\$ 4,299
6	\$ 4,922

For example, if there are 5 people in a family, then the CHDP gross monthly family income for children ages birth through 18 must be under 200% of the FIG or \$4,299.

Are there resource limits?

CHDP does not take resources into consideration. Resources are items a family may own such as cars, houses, jewelry, savings or checking accounts, etc.

What is the cost?

If children are found eligible for CHDP, there are no costs for CHDP services, and families will not be asked to pay the doctor or clinic back for the services their children receive.

What papers are needed to apply?

Self-stated monthly income is used to determine eligibility - the families state their incomes when applying at their doctors' offices or clinics.

What benefits are covered?

- CHDP offers periodic preventive care services based on the child's age, such as immunizations and school entry health examinations
- CHDP health check-ups include complete medical and developmental history, unclothed physical exam, vision test, hearing test, nutrition check, immunizations, urine, blood, lead, and tuberculosis screening tests, testing for sexually transmitted diseases, lab tests as needed, health information and dental screening.
- Other services include smoking cessation counseling, information about transportation to medical appointments, help making appointments, doctor and dentist referrals.
- The local CHDP program will assist families in obtaining diagnostic and treatment services for medical and dental problems identified during the health assessment. This may mean that families will have to switch to another doctor or clinic for treatment.

Children are eligible for one free health exam during each of these age ranges:

Babies	Toddlers	Children	Teens
Under 1 month	13-15 months	4-5 years	13-16 years
1-2 months	16-23 months	6-8 years	17-20 years
3-4 months	2 years	9-12 years	
5-6 months	3 years		
7-9 months			
10-12 months			

How and where do children receive services?

- Services are provided at doctors' offices or clinics that are "Enrolled CHDP Providers" - approved by the California Department of Health Care Services to provide CHDP services.
- To get no cost treatment for conditions/problems found during the exam, families must have copies of the PM160 (screening report) and PM161 (referral form) OR families must show their children's temporary BIC card or a receipt with the BIC # on it. (For more information about the CHDP Gateway enrollment process see page 7-3)
- CHDP health exams are provided by:
 - CHDP enrolled private physician offices
 - County health centers
 - Health clinics in certain school districts

Where can families apply or get more information?

Families can visit the CHDP website at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-800-993-2437 to obtain the phone number for the CHDP offices in their counties or contact their local health departments.

What can families do if they have problem getting services?

Families should contact their CHDP program office at the local health department.

CHDP Gateway Enrollment Process

The **CHDP Gateway** is an enrollment process that allows families to temporarily enroll their children into Medi-Cal through an online automated system. This enrollment process occurs when parents take their children to a CHDP provider for a physical examination. Eligible children will receive temporary full scope fee-for-service Medi-Cal coverage. Families must complete a Medi-Cal/ Healthy Families application to continue receiving healthcare coverage.

Who is eligible for the CHDP Gateway Enrollment Process?

Children who meet the following requirements may be eligible for temporary Medi-Cal through CHDP:

- Newborns ('Deemed Eligible'- babies born to mothers on Medi-Cal)
- Children up to age 19 with Family incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Income Guidelines
- California residents
- Eligible for a CHDP physical, based on the age (periodicity) schedule

Some children are NOT eligible for temporary Medi-Cal through CHDP:

- Children who are enrolled in Restricted (Emergency) Medi-Cal
- Children who are enrolled in Healthy Families

NOTE: Children eligible for, but not enrolled in, Restricted (Emergency) Medi-Cal may also qualify if they meet the other requirements. Children enrolled in Share of Cost Medi-Cal may also qualify.

How do families apply?

- Families apply for CHDP and temporary Medi-Cal coverage through the CHDP Gateway Enrollment Process when they go to CHDP providers for CHDP preventive services.
- Families will fill out the CHDP Pre-Enrollment Application (DHS 4073) which includes information about family size and family income.
- No income or immigration documents are required.
- The CHDP provider uses this information to check the children's eligibility through an online system. If the children are eligible for temporary Medi-Cal coverage through the CHDP Gateway, they will be automatically enrolled.
- If children are determined eligible, coverage under CHDP begins immediately.

NOTE: This online system also checks to determine if the children are already enrolled in Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. If they are currently enrolled in either Medi-Cal Managed Care or Healthy Families, they are not eligible for CHDP enrollment. The CHDP provider will direct them to see their Medi-Cal Managed Care provider or Healthy Families provider for medical services. Children already enrolled in Medi-Cal Managed Care can receive all CHDP covered services from their managed care plan. Children covered by fee-for-service Medi-Cal can receive all of the CHDP services without re-enrolling in CHDP.

How long does the temporary Medi-Cal coverage through CHDP Gateway Enrollment Process last?

The temporary Medi-Cal coverage through CHDP is for the month the child was enrolled and the following month unless their application for Medi-Cal/Healthy Families is denied before the end of the 2nd month.

What services do children enrolled in temporary Medi-Cal through the CHDP Gateway Enrollment Process receive?

- Children receive the same benefits they would under regular no-cost Medi-Cal.
- Families receive temporary eligibility documents from the CHDP provider when the children are enrolled in CHDP Gateway. These contain the children’s Benefits Identification Cards (BIC) numbers and can be used as temporary BICs.
- They will receive the children’s temporary BICs in the mail.
- During the temporary eligibility period, they access Medi-Cal services on a fee-for-service basis. Families can go to any provider who takes fee-for-service Medi-Cal for their children’s medical care.
- Families do not pay anything for the medical services the children receive.

How are children enrolled in Medi-Cal or Healthy Families when they have CHDP coverage?

When families fill out the CHDP Pre-Enrollment Application (DHS 4073), they are asked if they want to apply for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families. If they say “yes,” they are sent a joint Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Families mail-in application. Families may also apply for Medi-Cal at their county Medi-Cal offices or agencies that assist families with the joint Healthy Families and Medi-Cal for Families mail-in application.

NOTE: Families who do not want to apply for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families can still enroll their eligible children in CHDP and receive the temporary Medi-Cal benefits.

Can information on CHDP be found online?

- The CHDP website is <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/ProgramOverview.aspx>

CHDP GATEWAY ENROLLMENT PROCESS

