

CHAMP-Net News

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Hello CHAMPers,

August is National Immunization Month. With children going back to school in the coming weeks, it is the perfect time for families to make sure their vaccinations are current and schedule medical appointments. This month, CAAs should remind families to stay up-to-date on immunizations and regular check-ups for their children as well as help them troubleshoot any problems they experience when trying to access their health benefits. The schedule of recommended childhood immunizations is available in Chapter 8 of the CHAMP Manual and can be downloaded [here](#). In this issue, we will be discussing many more important topics including:

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Sincerely,

Brooke Fox, Project Manager



CHAMP-Net Survey!

If you haven't already heard, CHAMP-Net is expanding its services to Fresno, Imperial, Kern and Shasta Counties and we need your help! This is your last chance to take the survey, so if you work in any of these counties, please take about 5-10 minutes to complete our CHAMP-Net survey.

Participation is voluntary and confidential and your responses will be used to design the future county-specific and resource information pages for our site. Also, please forward this [survey](#) link to other program managers, healthcare advocates, CAAs, promotoras, etc. within Fresno, Imperial, Kern and Shasta Counties. If you have questions, please contact Nabihah Basrai at nbasrai@nhfca.org or



213.538.0745.

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We truly appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your invaluable feedback so we can continue to provide your county with the most relevant information.

The direct link for completing the survey is:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2al0dmbffzxqzwy/sta-rt>

Have a question or comment regarding CHAMP-Net or CHAMP-Net News? Please share your suggestions by contacting Nabihah Basrai at nbasrai@nhfca.org or 213.538.0745. We look forward to hearing from you!



Program Updates

Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan is OPEN in LA County!

Effective July 7, 2008, the Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan is open to new enrollment in Los Angeles County! Please contact any families that you know who may be eligible for services through this program.

Please click [here](#) to request an application online, or call the program at 510.625.2399.

Spotlight on:
S+AGE
Each month CHAMP-Net News will highlight a current NHF program.

NHF has developed a partnership with the Specialized Ambulatory Geriatric Evaluation (S+AGE) Center at Sherman Oaks Hospital, which is designed to help seniors, caregivers and medical professionals deal with the changes associated with aging through targeted diagnosis and management. Made possible by a grant from the Circle of Care Foundation, NHF is designing a web-based data collection and evaluation system so that S+AGE staff members can track client and caregiver information and program impact.

This partnership will result in an opportunity to better understand senior healthcare delivery systems and the impact S+AGE is having on healthy aging and caregiver stress. Ultimately, the database will allow S+AGE to improve awareness of its programs and increase access within their community.

For more information please contact Danielle Cameron at

Some of KPCHP materials have either been revised or updated, so please be advised of the following:

- Incomplete applications will be denied
- Attach current proof of monthly income
- Kaiser will not accept copies of KPCHP applications, please submit an original application
- Current applications are dated for January 2008, please submit only these applications
- Please be aware that the current KPCHP application now contains two required signature lines on the last page, applications will be denied if one or both signatures is missing

Since we do not know what date the program will close, we encourage you to immediately contact as many families as possible to help them fill out applications. Thank you in advance for all your hard work and commitment to insuring our children!

As a reminder, the KPCHP covers documented and undocumented children (0-18) with a family income between 0-300% of the Federal Income Guidelines (FIG). Please click [here](#) to view the FIG dollar amounts. This program covers children not eligible for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

For specific information about other types of insurance and eligibility for KPCHP, please read this month's Ask the Trainer question.

Also, do not hesitate to contact us with further questions and concerns at askthetrainers@champ-net.org or (213) 538-0745.

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Medi-Cal *Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)*

After several months of planning, the DRA has finally arrived in Los Angeles County. The DRA was implemented on July 1, 2008 for new applicants. This act only affects U.S. Citizens and Nationals, who must show original proof of citizenship and identity when applying for Medi-Cal services.

The DRA goes into affect for recipients beginning September 2008. These individuals, who are already enrolled in Medi-Cal, will receive a notice from DPSS sent on July 7. This will provide them with further information about the documents they will need to present to DPSS during their annual redetermination period.

The CHAMP Team has created specific handouts for you to give to families in order to help them understand the DRA; please click [here](#) to see the handout. We also have created a specific flyer for CAAs and health advocates, which can be viewed [here](#). If you have any questions regarding the DRA, please do not hesitate to contact us at askthetrainers@champ-net.org.

Healthy Families *10th Anniversary*

The Healthy Families Program is celebrating its 10th anniversary. Since Healthy Families began enrolling California's children into healthcare coverage in July 1998, enrollment in the program has grown to more than 870,000 children and continues to enroll increasing numbers of children. The continued growth is due in large part to the work of Certified Applications Assistants (CAAs) who were responsible for over 100,000 applications to the program in fiscal year 2007/2008. Each month of this year saw the highest numbers of applications per calendar month in the program's history. Congratulations to MRMIB and the Healthy Families Program for their commitment to covering California's kids and to CAAs statewide who connect families with this crucial program. Current application assistance statistics can be downloaded [here](#).

Purple Handbooks

Please continue using the 2007 Healthy Families purple handbooks as the 2008 handbooks are not yet available. You can always contact the Healthy Families Program EE/CAA Helpdesk at 800-279-5012 to check on their status as there currently is no set date for the availability of the 2008 handbooks.

Healthy Kids - Alameda County

Alameda County- Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding, Healthy Kids in Alameda County has officially closed. If you are in contact with those families who were affected please contact them to ensure they are aware of what other services are available to them. As CAAs, we can still refer families to other preventative and emergency services. Help families locate the nearest clinic that can offer them low-cost services. Most importantly, stay in contact with those

families in order to notify them immediately if there is any change in the Healthy Kids program or other programs for which they might be eligible.

For all other counties that have a Healthy Kids program, it is very important to remind families to use their services. Families in LA County have received postcards encouraging them to get their yearly check-ups. Take this opportunity to strengthen your relationships with the families you serve by maintaining contact with them. Remind them to get their yearly check-up if they haven't already. For families that have been utilizing services, encourage them to continue to foster healthy habits. Everyone could use a friendly reminder to stay healthy!

Access for Infants & Mothers

Subscriber Contribution

Please note that if a client's pregnancy ends within the first trimester, her AIM subscriber contribution may be reduced to one-third. Originally, clients were responsible for the entire payment. This applies to women whose pregnancy ends after their effective date of coverage. Please ensure that your clients notify the AIM program within 30 days of no longer being pregnant.

You can access the Early End of Pregnancy form [here](#). Your client can also send a letter from a doctor or other licensed or certified health care professional, as long as it contains the same information as is found in the Early End of Pregnancy form. AIM coverage will still end 60 days after the end of your pregnancy. AIM won't cover medical services received after the 60th day from the end of the pregnancy.

→ CHAMP-Net's Tip of the Month: DRA & Annual Redeterminations

We would like to remind CAAs and health advocates about the DRA requirements for recipients at annual redetermination. If a family does not have their original citizenship and identity documents at the time of their redetermination, please advise them to send in their redetermination papers anyway. Families should contact their Eligibility Workers and let them know that they are making a "good faith effort" to find these original documents. As long as a family claims they are making this effort, DPSS will continue providing them with full-scope Medi-Cal services. There is no set time frame for this "good faith effort" because it is based on the family circumstance and will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

This is very important for families to understand so that they can keep their full-scope services even if they do not have their documents. Please remind families what a "good faith effort" means and follow up with them if they have any questions.

→ CHAMP-Net's Ask The Trainer Question of the Month!

Dear Trainer,

I have heard that in order to apply to Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan my child can't have any other insurance. Can you please give more information about this?

Thanks!
Jesse

Dear Jesse,

Kaiser Permanente Child Health Plan (KPCHP) does not cover children that have or are offered employer-sponsored insurance at the time of the application. There is no limit as to how much your employer offers to put towards your insurance. For example, even if the employer offers to pay 1% of the insurance cost that means that the child is being offered some type of employer-sponsored insurance. Therefore the child would not be eligible for KPCHP.

Remember, this only applies to children that have employer-sponsored insurance. If you have private insurance and can no longer afford it, you can apply to KPCHP if you cancel your private insurance. When submitting the KPCHP application, send a copy of the letter you submitted to your private insurance stating you can no longer afford it.

We hope you find this information useful. Feel free to contact us if you have any more questions!

-The CHAMP team

→ CHAMP Spanish Training

Hello friends!

The Champ Team has completed the 2008 revision of the CHAMP Spanish manual. We've included all the important updates regarding the programs and also revised the manual so that our information is organized and easy to understand. We hope CAAs and Promotoras that work in the community can use the flyers and trainings to stay up to date. If you would like to participate or host a Spanish CHAMP training that covers children's healthcare programs please contact, Tricia Fitzgerald at 213.538.0778

Hola companeros/as!

El Equipo de entrenamiento "CHAMP" ha completado su revisión del manual CHAMP en español. Este manual incluye todos los más

recientes cambios en los programas de salud en un formato organizado y fácil de entender. Deseamos que los diferentes CAAs y promotoras puedan usar los materiales en sus comunidades y también beneficiar de los entrenamientos en español. Si le gustaría participar como también patrocinar un entrenamiento en español de los programas de salud para los niños comuníquese con, Tricia Fitzgerald 213.538.0778.



CHAMP-Net's County of the Month: Fresno

Fresno County is committed to promote, preserve and protect their community's health. In this issue, we would like to highlight some of the services provided in Fresno. Stay tuned for more in-depth information on Fresno County on the CHAMP-Net website in November 2008.

Nurse-Family Partnership Program

This program was developed to support and encourage first time mothers to set and obtain their own life goals. Through this program a nurse home visitor provides information and community resources and advocates for new moms.

Services provided include education on pregnancy, labor, delivery, infant care, breastfeeding, and child development. In addition, the Nurse-Family Partnership Program offers information regarding child safety, school readiness and job skills.

Women are usually referred to this program by their physicians or school nurses. For more information please contact the Nurse-Family Partnership Program at (559) 445-3307.

Children's Dental Program

Through this program, public health agencies, dental professionals, medical institutions and community members work together to increase the access to appropriate oral health prevention and intervention services for low-income uninsured children.

This program partners with health clinics, community organizations and schools to provide access to the children in need of care, as well as it offers two "Dental buses" that travel throughout the rural and urban areas offering dental services to the underserved.

To obtain more information about specific services you can contact:
Children's Dental Program
1221 Fulton Mall, 2nd Floor
Fresno, CA 93721
(866) 445-2795

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

This program was designed to provide services that increase community awareness regarding the hazards of lead exposure as well as the numbers of children tested for lead poisoning. Families of children with lead poisoning can receive health education, home

visitations as well as environmental home inspections. All other families can receive health information and education.

To schedule a visit or to obtain more information you can contact:
The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at (559)445-3590

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program

This program provides support and assistance to families who have experienced the loss of a child due to sudden infant death syndrome, as well as preventive resources. To obtain additional information or resources you can contact:

Fresno County Department of Public Health
Sudden Infant Death Syndrome Program
1221 Fulton Mall 5th Floor
Fresno, CA 93721
(559)445-7024

If you are from Fresno County, please fill out our [CHAMP-Net Survey](#). Thank you!



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