

Healthy Families Program Re-Opens to New Enrollment

As of September 17, 2009, the Healthy Families Program has re-opened to new enrollment. With the generous donation from the First 5 California Commission in late August along with the newly passed bill AB 1422 (Bass) which increased the gross premium tax that would be paid by Medi-Cal managed care plans and lastly Healthy Families cutting some expenditures with a small increase in premiums and co-payments for certain services, MRMIB has secured funding for new enrollments and has avoided any disenrollment.

Applications have begun to be processed according to the dates of applications starting with the oldest application being processed first. It has been estimated that it will take **30 days** to process all the children that were on the wait list and will begin to notify families whether their children are eligible and if they are enrolled. Please note that children that were placed on the wait list early will have to re-submit supporting income documentation that is over the 45-day limit. Healthcare coverage will begin within **10 days** after enrollment in the Healthy Families Program.

If you have worked with families on the wait list, it is important to notify them of this the delay in processing of applications. You should continue to submit new applications for eligible families and tell them about the delay as well.