

Get free health services for your child from the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Gateway

Children and youth can get free regular health check-ups from CHDP. Infants and toddlers get them every few months, older children every one or two years. These check-ups keep your child well by finding and treating health problems. Go to a CHDP doctor or clinic and your child can get height and weight checks, hearing and eye tests, shots, and school physicals. Your child can also get treatment for any problems the exams and tests find.

Who can get CHDP?

Your child can get a CHDP health check-up for free if he or she is

- Under age 21 years old and has Medi-Cal, or
- Under age 19 years old (with or without Medi-Cal) and in a family with income below 200 percent of the federal income level (that is \$2,682 a month for a family of three or \$3,225 a month for a family of four).

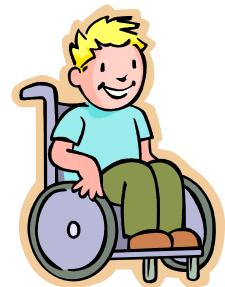
Your child can also get a CHDP health check-up if he or she is in Head Start, in a state preschool or in foster care.

Your child must be a resident of California. The immigration status of your child or family members does not matter.

Your child can also get Medi-Cal or Healthy Families through the CHDP Gateway.

When your child gets a regular CHDP health check-up, he or she may also get free Medi-Cal at the same time. Children under age one may be able to get free Medi-Cal and keep it at least until their first birthday. Children over age one may get free Medi-Cal for up to two months while you fill out a regular Medi-Cal and Healthy Families application and send it in by mail.

Just fill out a short form with your child's name, age, address and family income when you go to the CHDP doctor or clinic for a check-up. You do not need to show your income at the visit. The form does not ask for immigration status.



If your child qualifies, you will get a receipt that day that says your child is on Medi-Cal. Keep the receipt! You can use the receipt right away to get medical services for your child. Your child can get doctor's visits, hospital visits, and visits to a specialist. Your child can also get dental care, mental health care, drugs, eye glasses, x-rays, and lab tests. A temporary Medi-Cal card will arrive in the mail a few days after the visit.

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How can my child get Medi-Cal or Healthy Families health insurance after the temporary period?

Your child may also get Medi-Cal or Healthy Families health insurance after the temporary Medi-Cal ends if you do two things:

- when you fill out the CHDP Gateway form, check “Yes” on the Gateway form to have a Medi-Cal/Healthy Families application mailed to you, and
- when you get the application, fill it out and mail it in before the temporary Medi-Cal ends.



If you do not apply for ongoing Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, your child’s Medi-Cal will end on the last day of the 2nd month after you got temporary Medi-Cal through the Gateway. For example, if you got your temporary Medi-Cal in June, it will expire July 31st. If you have an infant and you, the mother, had Medi-Cal for the birth and the infant lived with you in the month he or she was born, your child should stay on Medi-Cal and you should not need to apply for ongoing Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

Will using CHDP or temporary Medi-Cal keep me or my child from getting a green card (lawful permanent resident status) by making us a “public charge”?

No. Using CHDP or temporary Medi-Cal services does not make you or your child a “public charge.” It cannot keep you or your child from getting a green card. It cannot prevent you or your child from becoming a U.S. citizen.

Things to Remember:

- Ask for a Medi-Cal/Healthy Families application to be mailed to you when you fill out the CHDP Gateway form. Check “Yes” on the Gateway form and you will get an application for ongoing health insurance.
- Keep the receipt you get from your CHDP provider for temporary Medi-Cal until you get a temporary Medi-Cal card in the mail.
- You need to make an appointment with a Medi-Cal provider quickly. Get the services your child needs before the temporary Medi-Cal expires.
- When you get the Medi-Cal/Healthy Families application, fill it out and mail it in before the end of your temporary Medi-Cal.

You can call CHDP at 559-445-3281.

Call us if you have any questions or need more information. We can help you with the Medi-Cal application. We can also help you find a CHDP doctor or clinic.

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