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# Presumptive Eligibility in Community Clinics and Health Centers

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Represents more than 800 not-for-profit community clinics and health centers (CCHCs) in California who provide comprehensive, quality health care services to primarily low-income, uninsured and underserved Californians.

# How CHDP Gateway works in CCHCs

- Uninsured children are pre-enrolled into Medi-Cal.
- Provides CCHCs an opportunity to treat the child immediately for preventive health services.
- Important for the 1<sup>st</sup> newborn visit.

## Challenges

- Child needs follow-up care and the parent does not complete the Medi-Cal enrollment process.

# How PE for Pregnant Women works in CCHCs

- Available to a CA resident who believes she is pregnant and has no health insurance or Medi-Cal coverage for prenatal care.
- Allows CCHCs to grant immediate temporary Medi-Cal coverage for prenatal care while the woman's formal application is being processed.
- Coverage for 2 months.
- Option to extend time an additional 2 months to complete process if necessary.
- The program has many challenges.

# Challenges with PE for Pregnant Women

- Process is too manual.
- CCHCs must create their own follow-up system since the process is not automatic.
- CCHCs manually log the PEs given and fax to the State monthly.
- Claims being processed daily electronically and Medi-Cal doesn't have the monthly log sheet yet.
- Patient goes to the ER or another provider without her PE card and is enrolled again.
- The initial 2 months needs to be extended.
  - Most are in a younger age group and need additional help collecting required information.
- Some women just don't complete the process and forgo prenatal care.

# How BCCTP works in CCHCs

- Provides coverage immediately for needed cancer treatment to individuals diagnosed with breast and/or cervical cancer.
- Patient is screened under CDP EWC or Family PACT programs.
- If diagnosed with cancer, CCHCs will enroll the patient under BCCTP and in most cases the patient is referred out for cancer treatment.
- Program works well for CCHCs and provides a great benefit for it's participants.

# PE for the Future

1. Provide to those with severe psychiatric disabilities for immediate treatment and access to medication.
  - Most are homeless
  - Issues producing income and documents for Medi-Cal
  - Reduce ER visits / hospital stays
  - Local system isn't as strong as in the past
2. Provide to general population applying for Medi-Cal while their application is being processed.
  - Avoid gaps in care
  - Reduce ER visits

# Important to CCHCs

- Gateway, PE and BCCTP must remain available to support access to care.
- PE for pregnant women must be automated.
- Reimbursement for enrollment.
- Recognize some patients have limitations to access of their information required for enrollment.
- No limitation on the amount of times a patient can be enrolled into Gateway, PE and BCCTP.



# Important to CCHCs

- Ensure ongoing coverage by following up for a full application.
- Simplify the application process and reduce the amount of paperwork that families, CCHCs, and eligibility workers have to process by using technology to verify eligibility data .
- Web-based portal for CCHCs to enroll an individual presumptively after checking for pending applications or current eligibility.
- Confirming Eligibility Promptly.

Questions?