

DIRECTIONS TO APPLY FOR MEDI-CAL

Important–Please Read

You are now eligible for a program called Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women. This program pays for the prenatal care services you receive from a Medi-Cal provider until you apply for Medi-Cal and your eligibility is determined. (These services do not include hospital, labor and delivery, family planning or medical services that are not pregnancy related.)

Your Proof of Eligibility Card

The Proof of Eligibility card you are given today can be used to pay for your prenatal care. Give this card to your prenatal care providers (doctors, midwives, pharmacists, etc.) to pay for your services. **Do not** destroy this card until your PE for Pregnant Women period ends or you are told you can get Medi-Cal and receive a Benefits Identification Card (BIC) in the mail.

Medi-Cal Application

In order to continue PE for Pregnant Women coverage, you must apply for Medi-Cal.

- Apply for Medi-Cal in person or mail the Medi-Cal Only application to the social services agency in your county.
- Apply by telephone at 1-800-880-5305 or
- Apply online at:
<http://www.benefitscal.org/BenefitsPortal/landing.html>
or www.healthapp.net

If you need help filling out the Medi-Cal Only Application, ask your provider or the county social

services office for help. You **must apply** for Medi-Cal in order to continue your PE coverage. If you do not apply, your PE for Pregnant Women coverage will end the last day of next month.

If You Want Cash Aid

Applying for Cash Aid will also meet PE for Pregnant Women's requirement that you apply for Medi-Cal. Do not complete the Medi-Cal Only application. Instead, apply for Cash Aid in person at your county of residence's social service agency, by telephone or on-line.

If You Have Already Applied

If you have already applied for Medi-Cal or Cash Aid, do not complete the Medi-Cal Only application. Contact your county eligibility worker, tell him/her you are on PE for Pregnant Women and ask how to provide your proof of pregnancy to them.

Your PE Continuing

If you do apply for Medi-Cal your PE can continue until the County decides whether you can get Medi-Cal or Cash Aid. Bring proof of your Medi-Cal or Cash Aid application to your PE for Pregnant Women provider to extend your coverage.

Once the County decides whether you will get Medi-Cal or Cash Aid, the County will tell you. If you can get Medi-Cal or Cash Aid you will get your BIC in the mail. Please destroy your Proof of Eligibility card and use your BIC from that point on. If you do not get Medi-Cal or Cash Aid your Proof of Eligibility card will be good until the end of the month in which you are told by the County that you cannot get Medi-Cal or Cash Aid. Then the PE for Pregnant Women coverage will end.

NOTE: *If you have an urgent medical need other than pregnancy, or if you wish to apply for other personal emergency programs, contact the county social services agency nearest where you live.*

REMEMBER — EARLY PRENATAL CARE WILL HELP YOU HAVE A HEALTHY BABY.
KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENTS AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

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INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEDI-CAL APPLICATION FORM

WHAT WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY ON THE FORM:

- You, Anyone, Everyone: this means any and all persons who live in your home and are applying for Medi-Cal. When we need more information about the other persons in your home, we will ask.
- Restricted Medi-Cal Benefits: emergency and pregnancy related care only.
- Income—money received or expected, such as:
 - earnings, welfare, child support, SSI or Social Security, pension or retirement payments;
 - Unemployment Insurance (UIB), State Disability (SDI), Veteran's (VA), or other disability payments;
 - strike funds, payments from roomers, school grants and loans;
 - cash gifts, cash winnings, any other cash payments.
- Liquid Resources—other money, such as:
 - cash on hand, uncashed checks, money in checking accounts, savings accounts, or savings certificates;
 - trust deeds, notes receivable, stocks or bonds, etc.

OTHER THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

- If you give wrong facts or do not report all facts or situations which affect eligibility on purpose, you may have to pay back benefits you received and/or your benefits may be stopped. You may also have to pay fines and/or go to jail/prison.
- **SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**

Every person requesting Medi-Cal who has a Social Security number must provide it to the county social services agency. U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals and aliens claiming to be in a satisfactory immigration status who do not have a Social Security number must apply for one and provide it to the county social services agency. Aliens who are not in a satisfactory immigration status and who do not have a Social Security number can still get restricted Medi-Cal if they meet all eligibility requirements.

- We computer match Social Security numbers against records from tax, Cash Aid, employment, the Social Security Administration, and other agencies to be sure you are reporting all your income and resources. We may check out differences with employers, banks, and/or others. We also use the facts you give us to determine eligibility, benefits, and to be sure that you are not getting aid in more than one case.

• **PROOF OF PREGNANCY**

Ask your provider for proof of pregnancy. This is important; you need to show this to the county social services agency to prove you are pregnant and receive benefits

STATE HEARINGS

If you have a complaint about the Medi-Cal application process, try to resolve it with the County. If you can't resolve it, you may call or write one of the following offices:

Los Angeles

107 South Broadway, Room 7125
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Phone (213) 620-4385

Sacramento

744 P Street, MS 16-23
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone 1-800-952-5253
or TDD 1-800-952-8349
(for hearing impaired and deaf)

If you think any action taken by the County is wrong, you can ask for a State Hearing by writing to your local county welfare department office or by calling the phone numbers listed above. You must ask for a hearing and tell why you want one within 90 days of the action.