UNINSURED? Here's General Information on Medi-Cal and How You Can Apply

What Is Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal provides a core set of health benefits, including doctor visits and hospital care. It is a key support to those who do not receive health coverage through an employer, cannot afford health care, and families



who rely on Long Term Care services, such as nursing homes, to help care for loved ones. An individual has to meet the income and other categorical requirements for Medi-Cal in order to qualify.

I Think I May Be Eligible for Medi-Cal and Haven't Signed Up Yet. What Should I Do?

We highly encourage you to apply for Medi-Cal. There are multiple ways to apply:

- Visit an EHSD District Office
- Visit <u>https://MyBenefitsCalWIN.org</u>
- Call (925) 957-5647 or (925) 957-5648 (Spanish) for assistance

For more information on how to apply for other EHSD programs, visit <u>https://ehsd.org/</u> <u>apply-for-services</u>

Can I Qualify for Medi-Cal If I Am Undocumented?

Emergency Medi-Cal is available to individuals who are otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal, except for their immigration status. Emergency Medi-Cal services cover a medical condition (including pregnancyrelated services, labor and delivery) which, without immediate medical attention, could result in placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part¹. It is important to note that Emergency Medi-Cal services are **NOT CONSIDERED** in a Public Charge determination.

Additionally, Medi-Cal has been expanded in the State of California to allow incomeeligible Children and Young Adults under the age of 26 to receive full-scope Medi-Cal benefits, including medical, dental, mental health and vision care, regardless of immigration status. As of May 2022, income-eligible Older Adults age 50+ may also enroll in full-scope Medi-Cal, regardless of immigration status.

What If I Don't Qualify for Medi-Cal?

You may still receive coverage from Covered California if you are ineligible to Medi-Cal. For more info, visit <u>https://</u> <u>www.coveredca.com</u>

¹Social Security Act section 1903(V)(3)

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