



## Medi-Cal: Children

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### Many Children Eligible for Medi-Cal

Health care coverage and access are especially critical for growing children. Regular checkups and early treatment ensure healthy children and happy families. Medi-Cal (MC) programs especially encourage enrollment of children through higher income limits.

- Eligibility is based on income: Most children with family income at or less than 266% of the Federal Poverty level (FPL) are eligible to Medi-Cal.
- A child can have Medi-Cal and other health care coverage.
- Social Services can work with families who have income that is hard to verify.

### Applying for Benefits

A parent or guardian can apply for the whole family, or they can apply to have coverage only for a child. Income information may be needed for the parent, guardian or other family members who don't need coverage.

- Call the Eureka Call Center at 1-877-410-8809 or Covered CA at 800-300-1506.
- Apply in person at the Eureka, Fortuna, Garberville, McKinleyville, or Hoopa offices (call for details).
- Apply through providers, community-based organizations or by mail.
- Apply online at [BenefitsCal.com](http://BenefitsCal.com) or [CoveredCA.com](http://CoveredCA.com).

### Citizenship issues

#### Citizenship status does not affect eligibility to Medi-Cal

- All individuals are potentially eligible for Medi-Cal regardless of immigration status, however, those 19 and older without satisfactory citizenship status may be limited to restricted scope or emergency services only.
- Undocumented non-citizens are NOT reported to USCIS.

### Accessing Benefits

Medi-Cal provides a comprehensive set of health benefits including doctor visits, hospital care, immunization, dental and vision care.

#### General Medical Care

Humboldt's managed care organization is Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC). Managed care isn't different or separate from Medi-Cal—it is Medi-Cal. PHC administers the coverage and payment for most medical services. Patients choose their primary care physician upon enrollment in PHC. Call the PHC Member Services Department Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 707-863-4155.

#### Behavioral Health

- DHHS-Children's Behavioral Health (CBH), Humboldt's behavioral health plan, provides specialty mental health services for severe mental health conditions, 707-268-2800.
- Organizational Providers in contract with DHHS provide specialty mental health services for moderate mental health conditions, 707-268-2800.
- Carelon Behavioral Health/PHC provides outpatient mental health services for mild to moderate mental health conditions, 855-765-9703.

#### Dental

- Dental coverage is through Smile California. To find a provider that takes Smile California, go to [SmileCalifornia.org](http://SmileCalifornia.org). The local dental clinics that serve children take Smile California.

## Children’s Presumptive Eligibility (CPE)

- Formerly known as Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP), Children’s Presumptive Eligibility (CPE) is administered through Qualified Providers. Customers are enrolled by the QP reporting the birth of certain newborns within a specified timeframe. CPE is not a program, but a means to pre-enroll non-Medi-Cal children into temporary coverage while the family applies for continuing coverage.

## Special Health Care Needs

California Children’s Services (CCS) is a statewide program designed to provide access to high-quality specialty medical care for children ages 0 to 21 with physically disabling conditions and complex chronic illnesses. Through this program, children who have, or are suspected of having, a CCS-eligible condition can get the health care and services they need. Call 707-445-6212 or 866-487-0998 toll free.

## Keeping Kids Healthy Through Nutrition

CalFresh is California’s Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. CalFresh helps income-eligible families supplement the family food budget to put nutritious food on the table. A customer can often apply for CalFresh at the same time they apply for Medi-Cal. CalFresh 877-410-8809.

The Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) helps income-eligible pregnant women, breastfeeding women, post-partum women, and children under five have greater access to nutritious foods. WIC issues the WIC card to buy healthy foods such as milk, eggs, bread, peanut butter and produce. WIC also provides nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support, breast pumps, and referrals to other valuable community services. WIC 707-445-6255.

## Monthly Income Levels: Eligibility for Health Care Coverage Programs Federal Poverty Level Chart- Effective April 1, 2026

Number of people in household	Monthly income up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Up to 138% FPL	Up to 266% FPL	Up to 600% FPL
1	\$1,330	\$1,836	\$3,538	\$7,980
2	1,804	2,490	4,799	10,824
3	2,277	3,143	6,057	13,662
4	2,750	3,795	7,315	16,500
5	3,224	4,450	8,576	19,344

Monthly income under 138% of the Federal Poverty level (FPL)	Between 139% and 266% FPL	Between 139% and 600% FPL
Medi-Cal Coverage for most Adults, Children, Families	Medi-Cal coverage for most <u>children</u> through age 18	Possible Subsidized Insurance through Covered CA

Income levels are based on “Modified Adjusted Gross Income” on tax return. MAGI eff 01/01/2026, Medicare Premium Payment Programs eff 03/01/2026, Non-MAGI eff 04/01/2026