



## Deemed Eligibility for Infants - Looking Ahead



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# Deemed Eligibility - background

- Refers to infants born to mothers with Medi-Cal at time of birth (SOC OK, Retro OK)
- Infants may be enrolled in MC without an application - any contact to county is fine
- Eligibility back to date of birth - coverage for bills incurred in the intervening months.
- No forms to sign – can't be required to -
  - No application, NRF, birth certificate, SSN or any other documentation
- Eligibility through first birthday, regardless of increases in family income.
- Even if parents or siblings have to renew earlier; even if parents don't fulfill needed documentation for selves or siblings



# Deemed Eligibility - background

- Implemented July 1, 2004 – instructions from state October, 2003.
- Built on CHDP Gateway
  - Infant visit at CHDP provider
  - Simple form
  - Infant issued proof of Medi-Cal and number
  - Card arrives separately from state
  - Only 2 questions added to Gateway:
    - “Did mother have Medi-Cal for delivery?”
    - If so, option to provide MC # or SSN



# Incredibly successful!

2008 – 71,000 infants enrolled through CHDP GW

Real-time

Infant issued Medi-Cal proof with number



## Use ACA IT Dollars to Improve Data Matches

- Newborn Hospital Gateway – DE infants
  - ASAP or at least with CalHEERS – need both
  - Earlier coverage for infants and no gaps
  - Promote overall infant health
  - Makes redetermination at one year easier
- Include Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM)
  - Existing ability to use mom’s AIM coverage – gaps?



## Use ACA IT Dollars to Improve Data Matches

- Identify DE Infants Through CalHEERS

New paper and online ACA application should solicit information needed to best identify DE infants

As successfully done in CHDP Gateway, special pathway for DE infants should be included in electronic CalHEERS

- Continue “any contact with county” as back-up
  - NRF, phone call, fax, letter, visit, etc.