

HPE PROVIDER NEWS FLASHES/BULLETINS

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1. PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY (PE) CLARIFICATION FOR HOSPITAL PE (HPE) PROVIDERS:

Please be advised that if an HPE applicant has applied for the insurance affordability (Medi-Cal, CHIP and Covered CA-Advanced Premium Tax Credit) in the past calendar year and been determined eligible for one of the programs, they are not eligible for HPE and will be denied eligibility by the HPE portal. The ineligibility period for PE last through the end of the calendar year. If they have had a change in circumstances (income change), they can update their application through CalHEERS or through their County Eligibility Workers to be re-evaluated for the insurance affordability programs listed above. If the applicant requests assistance with completing the change of circumstance in CalHEERS, HPE providers should assist them in updating their insurance affordability application.

2. HPE PROVIDER INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING FORMER FOSTER YOUTH APPLYING FOR HOSPITAL PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY:

When an individual applies for Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) and identifies themselves as a Former Foster Care Youth (FFCY) on the HPE application, upon completion of the eligibility determination for PE, HPE providers are to provide the FFCY with one of the following:

1. Give the FFCY the County toll-free number to the FFCY Liaison so that they can establish their eligibility for Medi-Cal over the telephone. Providers should have the FFCY Liaison contact information for the current county of residence to facilitate the immediate enrollment of the FFCY into Medi-Cal. You can access the county contact list at <http://coveredtil26.childrenow.org/how-to-sign-up>
2. If the FFCY does not want to call the County FFCY Liaison number, a fall back option is to give the FFCY the single page form MC250A at <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/forms/Forms/mc250a2014.pdf> . The MC250A is a one (1) page simplified form specifically for FFCY to enable them to obtain immediate enrollment in to Medi-Cal and maintain coverage after their hospital visit.

FFCY are eligible for Medi-Cal coverage until their 26th birthday and their coverage is not based on their income at all, it is based simply on their FFCY status only. Do not give the FFCY the single streamline application to complete because they are not required to complete that application to establish their Medi-Cal Coverage.

3. HOSPITAL PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY PORTAL DAILY MAINTENANCE PERIOD

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is sharing information with Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE) providers to maximize the accessibility of the HPE portal. The HPE portal has a maintenance period from midnight to 2:00 am each day and during that time period the portal is not accessible to HPE providers. DHCS runs the maintenance period in the late night timeframe to minimize the impact on the portal users and assure its availability for the other 22 hours of the day. Please share this information with your staff who assist applicants in applying for HPE.