



## **State Plan Goal 10: Health Healthcare and Low Cost Healthcare Resources in California (2-17-16)**

### **Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Early Start**

<http://www.dds.ca.gov/EarlyStart/home.cfm>

Families whose infants or toddlers have a developmental delay or disability or an established risk condition with a high probability of resulting in a delay may be eligible to receive an "Early Start" in California. Teams of service coordinators, healthcare providers, early intervention specialists, therapists, and parent resource specialists evaluate and assess infants or toddlers and provide appropriate early intervention and family support services for young children from birth to three years of age.

### **Developmental Disabilities Resources for Healthcare Providers**

<http://www.ddhealthinfo.org/>

This project is funded by a grant from the California Department of Developmental Services (DDS) as part of its Wellness Initiative. The Digest is guided by an advisory committee of physicians with specialized expertise in developmental disabilities and implemented by the UCSD CME. The primary goal of this site is to improve the health of persons with developmental disabilities.

- Information on Specific Disabling Conditions
- Issues Related to Developmental Disabilities
- Health Care Providers
- Families
- Resources
- Autistic Spectrum Disorders

### **Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)**

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

The mission of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is to provide Californians with access to affordable, high-quality health care, including medical, dental, mental health, substance use disorder services, and long-term services and supports. Our vision is to preserve and improve the physical and mental health of all Californians.

Among the programs administered by DHCS, some of which are mandated by the federal government and others required by state law, are California Children's Services; Child Health and Disability

Prevention program; the Genetically Handicapped Persons Program; the Newborn Hearing Screening Program; the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (PACT) program; Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), Every Woman Counts, and Coordinated Care Management. DHCS also administers programs for underserved Californians, including farm workers and American Indian communities.

## **Covered California**

<http://www.coveredca.com/>

Open enrollment for private health coverage through Covered California in 2015 is now over. Open enrollment for 2016 coverage begins Nov. 1, 2015, and continues through Jan. 31, 2016. However, Medi-Cal enrollment is year-round. Additionally, individuals who experience a qualifying life event may be eligible to enroll in private coverage through Covered California by applying for special enrollment. Medi-Cal and Covered California use the same application.

## **Covered California – Medi-Cal**

<http://www.coveredca.com/medi-cal/>

Medi-Cal is health coverage, just like the coverage from Covered California health plans. If you qualify for Medi-Cal, your health care will be free or at a lower cost to you and your family. Medi-Cal plans and Covered California plans both offer a similar set of important benefits, called “essential health benefits.” If you qualify for Medi-Cal, you will get a benefits identification card (BIC) in the mail, and you can start using it to get your health care as a new Medi-Cal member. In some cases, after you apply, we may need more information from you to make sure you qualify for Medi-Cal. In those cases, your county’s human services agency may contact you to verify that information.

## **Medi-Cal**

<http://www.medi-cal.ca.gov/>

Medi-Cal is California's Medicaid program. This is a public health insurance program which provides needed health care services for low-income individuals including families with children, seniors, persons with disabilities, foster care, pregnant women, and low income people with specific diseases such as tuberculosis, breast cancer or HIV/AIDS. Medi-Cal is financed equally by the State and federal government.

## **California Department of Public Health (CDPH)**

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/PROGRAMS/Pages/default.aspx>

The California Department of Public Health is dedicated to optimizing the health and well-being of the people in California. In order to implement our Core Activities, CDPH will effectively deliver these Essential Public Health Services directly and/or through strong and effective partnerships:

- Monitoring health status to identify community health problems including health disparities.
- Detecting and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community.
- Informing, educating, and empowering people and organizations to adopt healthy behaviors to enhance health status.
- Partnering with communities and organizations to identify and solve health problems and to respond to public health emergencies.
- Developing and implementing public health interventions and best practices that support individual and community health efforts and increase healthy outcomes.
- Enforcing laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
- Linking people to needed personal health services and ensuring the provision of population-based health services.
- Assuring a competent public health workforce and effective public health leadership.
- Evaluating effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of public health services, strategies, and programs.
- Researching for insights and innovative solutions to public health problems.

## **California Children's Services (CCS)**

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

California Children's Services (CCS) is a state program for children with certain diseases or health problems. CCS provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions. Examples of CCS-eligible conditions include, but are not limited to, chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, cerebral palsy, heart disease, cancer, traumatic injuries, and infectious diseases producing major sequelae. CCS also provides medical therapy services that are delivered at public schools.

The CCS program is administered as a partnership between county health departments and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

## **First 5 California**

<http://www.cafc.ca.gov/parents/>

First 5 California provides programs that educate parents, grandparents, caregivers, and teachers about the critical role they play during a child's first five years. Since their creation in 1998, they have supported millions of families with programs and services designed to help more California kids grow up healthy and ready to succeed in school and in life! First 5 California distributes funds to local communities through the state's 58 individual counties, all of which have created their own local First 5

county commissions. Funds are used to address the local needs of communities statewide. Current efforts at First 5 California include the development and implementation of a system of resources designed to benefit children, teachers, and parents. First 5 IMPACT and our Child, Parent, and Teacher Signature programs are research-based programs that integrate social-emotional development, high-quality early education, and parent outreach.

## **Denti-Cal**

<http://www.denti-cal.ca.gov/WSI/Default.jsp?fname=Default>

Dental Services are currently provided as one of the many benefits under the Medi-Cal program. This site provides access to Medi-Cal Dental Program provider bulletins, manuals, regulations and various forms. Also, a variety of important and timely information can be found throughout this site including: Beneficiary Services, Medi-Cal Eligibility, Publications, Provider Services, Outreach Services, Fraud and Abuse and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. You will also find answers to the most commonly asked questions. Provider and Beneficiary Telephone Service Center toll-free phone numbers are listed for both Beneficiaries and Providers in their respective sections, including TTY for the hearing impaired.