



Fact Sheet:



Healthy Families Program

Background

In California, it is estimated that approximately 1.5 million low-income children do not have health coverage. These children receive minimal preventive healthcare, and instead rely on episodic and emergency care. They are at increased risk of having undetected health problems and more serious health-related consequences.

To address this significant health issue, the California Legislature enacted the Healthy Families Program (HFP). Administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board (MRMIB), and partially funded by a federal block grant, private sector health insurance coverage is now available to an estimated 500,000 children aged 0-18 who fall within 100-250 percent of the federal poverty level (\$20,000 to \$50,000 for a family of four in 2006). Medical, vision, dental, mental health, and substance abuse treatment benefits are provided to enrolled children through a health care provider network.

How Healthy Families Work

Members pay a monthly premium of \$4 to \$15 per month for each child, or no more than \$45 per month for a family. In addition to the monthly premiums, there is a co-payment of \$5 due at the time of services. The maximum co-payment amount per benefit year for health care services is \$250 per family.

Substance Abuse Treatment Benefits

The substance abuse treatment benefit allows inpatient hospitalization as medically appropriate, and up to 20 outpatient visits per year for crisis intervention and treatment of alcoholism or drug abuse. Some providers choose to increase the number of visits per benefit year if outpatient services are determined medically necessary.

For information on Healthy Families

Information is available in several languages besides English. Contact Healthy Families at 1-800-880-5305 (the call is free) to ask for information in any of these languages:

Armenian	Hmong
Cambodian	Korean
Chinese	Russian
English	Spanish
Farsi	Vietnamese

Additional Information about the Healthy Families Program is available at:
www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov.