



# Keep Medi-Cal Coverage

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP

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## Who We Are

The Children's Partnership is a California advocacy organization advancing child health equity through research, policy and community engagement.


# Medi-Cal Renewals

# Annual Medi-Cal Renewals Are Back

- Renewals confirm whether families still qualify for Medi-Cal coverage
- If county has enough info already – they renew your coverage automatically
- If not, county asks family to provide updated information

Please respond to keep coverage!

## Enroll. Get Care. Renew.



Free or Low Cost Health Coverage  
Exists for ALL Lower-Income  
California Families (options on page 2)

**CALIFORNIA**  
Information for other  
states is different.

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### Enroll.

Ways to enroll in Medi-Cal and Covered California:

- 1-800-300-1506
- [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com)
- In-person: [dhcs.ca.gov/COL](http://dhcs.ca.gov/COL)
- Apply by mail: Medi-Cal printable applications here: [www.dhcs.ca.gov/renewals/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/SingleStreamApps.aspx](http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/renewals/medi-cal/eligibility/Pages/SingleStreamApps.aspx)
- Find Help in Your Community: Scan the QR code below or go to: [allinforhealth.org/HealthCoverageResources](http://allinforhealth.org/HealthCoverageResources) to locate help near you.

### Get Care.

- Find a primary care doctor. Ask your health plan for help locating an available doctor near you.
- Schedule an annual checkup for you and your children. Young children need frequent well-child visits within a year.
- Your health plan is required to help you make appointments, get interpretation services. Additionally, Medi-Cal is required to help you get free transportation to your appointments.
- Find a dentist. Visit [SmileCalifornia.org](http://SmileCalifornia.org) to find a Medi-Cal dentist and a dental home near you.
- In Covered California, dental care is covered for children. Adults will need to purchase an additional dental plan.

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### Renew Your Coverage in 2023-24!

**IMPORTANT for 2023 and 2024: CONTINUOUS MEDI-CAL COVERAGE PROTECTIONS END STARTING APRIL 2023.** Do you or a family member have Medi-Cal coverage? If so, you may need to take steps to keep it. You will need to renew your Medi-Cal at some point between April 2023 and May 2024. Annual renewals are usually due in the same month you first enrolled in Medi-Cal.

**What to Do to Stay Covered:**

- Update your contact information.** Tell your county Medi-Cal office about any changes in your contact information (mailing address, phone number, email) so they can contact you with information about how to renew your coverage.
- Check your mail.** When it is time to renew coverage, Medi-Cal will mail you a letter to let you know if you need to complete a renewal form or if your renewal can be completed automatically.
- Complete your renewal form.** If you receive a renewal form, your coverage will not be renewed unless you complete it. Renewal forms will be sent in a **YELLOW ENVELOPE**. Fill out the form and answer any county follow-up questions right away by phone, online, mail or in person to help avoid a gap in your coverage.

**How to Renew your Medi-Cal Coverage and Report Changes:**

- Set up an account online.** Visit: <https://benefitsca.com/CR>
- Contact your county Medi-Cal office.** To find your county Medi-Cal office, visit [dhcs.ca.gov/COL](http://dhcs.ca.gov/COL) or call (800) 541-5353.


**What if You No Longer Qualify for Medi-Cal Coverage?**

If your family income increased above Medi-Cal eligibility levels (see income chart on second page), you may qualify for discounted premiums through Covered California. If so, when your Medi-Cal coverage ends, Covered California will send you information about your automatic enrollment and what you need to do to activate it. Your Covered California coverage would begin when:

- You pay your premium, OR
- If you have no premium, when you accept the coverage online or by phone.


Often when family income increases, your children may still qualify for Medi-Cal even if adult family members no longer qualify. Continue to fill out and submit renewal information to keep your children's free Medi-Cal coverage even if you may be enrolled in Covered California.

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### Need Help?

Scan this QR code for LOCAL HELP in your area.

OR GO TO:  
[www.allinforhealth.org](http://www.allinforhealth.org)



Covered California health plans must be renewed every year. Renewal information will be mailed at the end of the year or you can contact Covered California directly.

Scan the QR code for information about when and how to renew!

# When Do Renewals Happen?

- Renewals occur every 12 months
- Not everybody renews at the same time:
  - Usually based on when you applied/enrolled
  - Example: applied August 2018, renew July of every year
- Temporary Pause: During COVID public health emergency (March 2020 - April 2023) renewals were not required

**BUT NOW, annual renewals are BACK!**

# Renewing is Important for Kids!

- Your child may continue to qualify even if you do not
- Income eligibility is far higher for children than adults
  - Kids qualify up to \$6,650 monthly income (\$79,800 annual) for family of 4
- Children regardless of immigration status qualify
- Children need regular check ups, immunizations, developmental screenings, specialized care, etc.
- In-Home Support Services: Some CYSHCN require in-home support or nursing services. Without Medi-Cal, families might struggle to provide or finance this care.
- Direct transfer to affordable coverage—Covered California – for children and families who no longer qualify for Medi-Cal

For more information, read our [brief!](#)

# THREE Important Messages for Families

1. Update changes to Medi-Cal
  - Start account at [BenefitsCal.com](https://BenefitsCal.com)
2. Check mail (**large envelopes**)
3. Submit renewal forms
  - Submit by phone, online, mail, in person

Watch outreach video featuring CHWs at [allinforhealth.org](https://allinforhealth.org)



**Enroll.**  
**Get Care.**  
**Renew.**

Renew your  
**Medi-Cal**  
coverage!

**Important Information for 2023 and 2024:**

If you or a family member has Medi-Cal coverage, you will need to renew at a designated point between April 2023 and May 2024. Annual renewals are usually due in the same month you first enrolled in Medi-Cal. For example, if you first enrolled in June of 2022, you will need to renew in June of 2023.

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- Find your county office at [dhcs.ca.gov](https://dhcs.ca.gov)/COL or call **(800) 541-5555**. To renew your Medi-Cal coverage and report changes, set up an account online at [benefitscal.com](https://benefitscal.com)

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# Renewal Assistance in the Community

- Local CBOs and clinics
- State grantee navigators
- Local health consumer organizations



**Visit [ALLINforHealth.org](https://www.ALLINforHealth.org)**



# For Immigrant Families:

- New “public charge” rule for green card
- Non-cash benefits like Medi-Cal not affect immigration status
- Fight Fear with Facts!
- All low-income immigrants qualify for Medi-Cal (adults start Jan 2024)

**PUBLIC CHARGE** As of January 2023 **will it affect me?**

**Fight Fear with Facts!**  
**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.**

**PUBLIC CHARGE** is a rule immigration officials use to approve or deny a family-based application for a green card (lawful permanent residency or LPR status), or certain other visas. Immigration officials use the term “public charge” to refer to people who are likely to become dependent on the government to support themselves. The federal government recently finalized the rule on public charge which confirms that immigration officials have limits when making a public charge determination.

**THE FINAL PUBLIC CHARGE RULE TAKES EFFECT DECEMBER 23, 2022:** immigrants can access health care, food and housing support, and many more public benefits without fear of immigration consequences.

Every family is different, and while the Public Charge Test may make you nervous, use this roadmap to help you and your family get informed.

## FOLLOW THIS MAP

to see if you may be subject to the Public Charge Test.

**APPLYING FOR A GREEN CARD THROUGH FAMILY?** ... OR ... **APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP?**

**YES** → **NO** → **PUBLIC CHARGE DOES NOT APPLY**

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**Is the APPLICANT using any of the following PUBLIC BENEFITS?**  
(Do not count children or other eligible family members)

- ▶ Cash Assistance Programs
- ▶ Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for the aged, blind, or disabled
- ▶ State, Tribal, territorial, or local cash benefit programs for income maintenance often called “General Assistance” or “General Relief” (GR) in California
  - Cash Assistance Program for Immigrant Families (CAPI)
- ▶ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - CalWORKs in California
- ▶ Long-term nursing home care or other residential care paid for by Medi-Cal

**YES** → **You MAY be subject to the PUBLIC CHARGE TEST.**  
**SEEK LEGAL HELP**  
Immigration must weigh other factors (income, health, skills) when making a public charge determination.

**NO** → **PUBLIC BENEFITS SHOULD NOT BE A FACTOR**



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**#KeepKidsCovered**  
**Community**  
**Education Toolkit**

**Made for you and the  
families you serve!**

**All content is available  
to download in English,  
Spanish, Punjabi,  
Tagalog and Traditional  
Chinese.**

# Events

# JOIN US! Let's Talk: School Safety Webinar

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## School Safety Webinar

LET'S  
TALK  
SERIES

October 11 | 5 p.m. pdt

Join us for a discussion with families on school safety as it relates to gun violence. We will discuss what gun violence is, its connection to school safety, and what families can do to stay safe.

Attend for a chance to win a \$50 gift card – we will be selecting three winners!

Register now:  
[bit.ly/TCPLetsTalkSeries](http://bit.ly/TCPLetsTalkSeries)

We'll be joined by...

Hope and Heal Fund  
Refugio "Cuco" Rodriguez  
&  
Saul Serrano



Spanish interpretation will be available.

Email questions to  
[edurham@childrenspartnership.org](mailto:edurham@childrenspartnership.org)



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¡Únete a nosotros!

## Seminario web sobre seguridad escolar

LET'S  
TALK  
SERIES

11 de octubre | 5 p.m. PDT

Únase a nosotros para una discusión sobre la seguridad escolar en relación con la violencia armada. Discutiremos qué es la violencia armada, su conexión con la seguridad escolar y qué pueden hacer las familias para mantenerse seguras.

Asista para tener la oportunidad de ganar una tarjeta de regalo de \$50 ¡seleccionaremos tres ganadores!

Regístrate ahora:  
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Nos Acompañara...

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y  
Saul Serrano



Habrà interpretación en español disponible.

Enviar preguntas por correo a  
[edurham@childrenspartnership.org](mailto:edurham@childrenspartnership.org)



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

# Inviting All Families!

**2nd Wednesday of Every Month**  
September–December 2023 | 5 p.m. pdt

Join The Children's Partnership for our 2023 Let's Talk Webinar Series where we will bring together expert partners from across California to provide families with important information on pressing issues like health access, mental health and important benefits available to children and their families.

Register now:  
[bit.ly/TCPLetsTalkSeries](https://bit.ly/TCPLetsTalkSeries)

## Let's Talk Webinar Topics

**September 13:** Back to School

**October 11:** School Safety

**November 8:** School Mental Health

**December 13:** Immigrants  
Students & Families



Spanish interpretation will be available.  
Email [edurham@childrenspartnership.org](mailto:edurham@childrenspartnership.org)  
with any questions.



## SAVE THE DATES!

### November 8th and December 13th

The Children's Partnership is excited to continue our four - part Let's Talk Webinar Series where we will bring together expert partners from across California to provide families with important information on issues like mental health and important updates for immigrant students and families.

All webinars will be presented in English, with live Spanish translation available.



# WE ARE HERE FOR YOU, WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Next virtual meeting:  
**Oct 18 at 12 p.m. PST**  
Interpretation services provided  
upon request

Please register here:  
[https://bit.ly/RenewalFeedback  
Loop](https://bit.ly/RenewalFeedbackLoop)

## FEEDBACK LOOP MEDI-CAL UNWINDING & RENEWALS RESTART

Do you work with California communities on Medi-Cal? Do you assist individuals and families with Medi-Cal enrollment and renewals? **We are here for you and want to hear from you!**

As Medi-Cal renewals resume, The Children's Partnership (TCP) & the National Health Law Program (NHeLP) are hosting a feedback loop to identify and help address issues and concerns with the renewal process. Together, we will:



Provide updates



Answer questions



Listen to your  
experiences



Raise recurring  
problems with  
Medi-Cal

If you are a community-based organization, health care navigator, enrollment assister, community health worker/promotora, provider, or other advocate on the ground, please join us.

Mark your calendar! Our virtual meetings will take place on the **third Wednesday** of the month at **12 p.m. PST**:

- July 19
- August 16
- September 20
- October 18
- November 15

Interpretation services will be provided upon request. Please register here:  
<https://bit.ly/RenewalFeedbackLoop>

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# Questions?

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