# UNINSURED? Here's General Information on Medi-Cal and How You Can Apply

#### What Is Medi-Cal?

Medi-Cal provides a core set of health benefits, including doctor visits and hospital care. It is a key support to those who do not receive health coverage through an employer, cannot afford health care, and families



who rely on Long Term Care services, such as nursing homes, to help care for loved ones. An individual has to meet the income and other categorical requirements for Medi-Cal in order to qualify.

### I Think I May Be Eligible For Medi-Cal And Haven't Signed Up Yet. What Should I Do?

We highly encourage you to apply for Medi-Cal. While access to our lobbies is restricted due to the COVID-19 emergency, there are still multiple ways to apply:

- Visit <u>http://www.MyBenbefitsCalWIN.org</u> to apply
- Call (925) 957-5647 or (925) 957-5648 (Spanish) for assistance

For more information on how to apply for other EHSD programs during this COVID-19 emergency, please <u>click here</u>.

<sup>1</sup>Social Security Act section 1903(V)(3)

## Can I Qualify For Medi-Cal If I Am Undocumented?

**Emergency Medi-Cal** is available to individuals who are otherwise eligible for Medi-Cal, except for their immigration status. Emergency Medi-Cal services cover a medical condition (including emergency labor and delivery) which, without immediate medical attention, could result in placing the patient's health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part<sup>1</sup>. It is important to note that Emergency Medi-Cal services are <u>NOT CONSIDERED</u> in a Public Charge determination.

Additionally, Medi-Cal has recently been expanded in the State of California to allow Children and Young Adults under the age of 26 to receive full-scope Medi-Cal benefits, including medical, dental, mental health and vision care, regardless of their immigration status.

### What If I Don't Qualify For Medi-Cal?

You may still receive coverage from Covered California if you are ineligible to Medi-Cal. For more info, visit <u>https://</u> <u>www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-</u> <u>families/special-circumstances/</u>

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