

PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR PREGNANT WOMEN PROVIDER FACT SHEET

What is Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women?

PE for Pregnant Women is a federal/state program designed to ease access to prenatal care by allowing the provider to offer pregnant patients immediate Medi-Cal coverage pending a formal Medi-Cal application.

Who can offer PE for Pregnant Women?

Most Medi-Cal providers who provide prenatal services can offer this service to their patients once enrolled in the program.

Who is eligible for PE for Pregnant Women?

Any California resident who believes that they are pregnant and whose family income is at or below 213 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is eligible for this program.

How do I determine if my patient meets the income requirements?

Have the patient complete the PE for Pregnancy Only Application. Compare the patient's stated family size and income to the FPL income chart. No verification is necessary. The patient's signature verifies her statements.

Will Medi-Cal still reimburse for my services even if the pregnancy test is negative?

Yes, Medi-Cal will reimburse for the cost of the income-eligible patient's pregnancy test and an Evaluation and Management visit. The only reimbursable codes when the pregnancy test is negative are CPT-4 code 99201 or 99211 for the office visit and code 81025 for the pregnancy test.

How long will my pregnant patient be eligible for PE for Pregnant Women? What happens if she never applies for Medi-Cal, or is denied?

The pregnant woman will be eligible for PE for Pregnant Women until her Medi-Cal determination has been made if she applies for Medi-Cal. If she is denied, her PE for Pregnant Women eligibility will end at the end of that month. Also, even if your patient never files her Medi-Cal application, her eligibility for PE for Pregnant will continue until the end of the month following the month of her initial PE for Pregnant Women application.

How can my pregnant patient apply for Medi-Cal?

- Apply in person or mail the Application for Medi-Cal Only to her county's social services agency.
- Apply by telephone at 1-800-880-5305.
- Apply online through the following website:
<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/pages/applyformedi-cal.aspx>

What services does PE for Pregnant Women cover?

The majority of ambulatory prenatal services provided by a Medi-Cal provider, including pregnancy-related prescriptions, are covered. It should be noted that delivery and family planning services are not included.

How do I become a "Qualified Provider"?

To become a PE for Pregnant Women provider for the purpose of enrolling patients in the PE for Pregnant Women program, an application, QUALIFIED PROVIDER APPLICATION FOR PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY PARTICIPATION (MC 311), must be completed, submitted, and approved by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), PE for Pregnant Women Program.

If you have questions regarding the PE for Pregnant Women program, contact PE for Pregnant Women Support at 1-800-824-0088.

To schedule Medi-Cal training, call DHCS Fiscal Intermediary at 1-800-541-5555