

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Program Automation

Announcing upcoming changes in the Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women program

The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will be adding another service to the Medi-Cal Web page for Qualified Providers (QPs) in the Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PE4PW) program to assist applicants in applying for PE. The implementation date of the PE for Pregnant Women application automation is April 1, 2017. There will be a six-month transition period for existing QPs and their staffs to migrate to the application Web portal and DHCS will provide training and support to assist existing providers in the transition process. DHCS wants to ensure that all existing providers successfully move to the online enrollment process on the Medi-Cal website before shutting down the manual process.

DHCS will provide transitioning providers with resources, such as computer based training modules, Frequently Asked Questions, provider readiness checklists, and more, to assist the move to the online portal. These resources will be made available to help ensure providers are kept up-to-date and have the information they require to get started using the online portal. The resources will also be available to all new Medi-Cal providers who will be PE providers in the future.

More information about the application Web portal is available on the Medi-Cal Web page, which can be accessed via the Hot News area on the Medi-Cal website or contact Telephone Service Center at 1-800-541-5555 (outside of California, please call [916] 636-1980). Training for online portal users is available on the [Medi-Cal Learning Portal](#).

Providers are encouraged to watch for PE4PW updates in the *NewsFlash* area on the Medi-Cal website. Providers should also subscribe to the Medi-Cal Subscription Service (MCSS) to receive timely notifications related to PE4PW by completing the [MCSS Subscriber Form](#) on the Medi-Cal website.

Some requirements and changes for PE4PW are:

- Current QPs of the program will have to go through training to continue participation in the program.
- QP's must have a [Medi-Cal Point of Service \(POS\) Network/Internet Agreement](#) on file with the DHCS Fiscal Intermediary to access the online Web portal.
- To access the PE4PW application portal, providers must have a National Provider Identifier (NPI) and PIN to log into Transaction Services on the Medi-Cal Web page.
- Recipients will continue to apply for benefits in person at QPs offices.
- QPs will use the online enrollment Web portal for eligibility determinations.
- Presumptive eligibility determinations will occur in real-time.
- QPs can submit electronic claims for reimbursement.

DHCS looks forward to collaborating with its provider community to embrace and realize the benefits of the new system in 2017 and beyond.