

# LAW UPDATE

## SCHOOL BUSINESS

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June 23, 2015

### INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED WITH ENROLLMENT FORMS

We expect some districts are already enrolling new students. Under Education Code Section 49452.9, public schools (including charter schools) must include with enrollment forms some information on health care coverage and enrollment assistance. The Department of Education is to have standardized forms developed by August 1, 2015; in the meantime, we suggest you use the attachment to this Update for compliance. Notice of the availability of such information is included in the updated Annual Notice to Parents sent to districts last month.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have questions regarding this information.

— William A. Hornback

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CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION**TOM TORLAKSON**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

March 10, 2014

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**ALL IN FOR HEALTH CAMPAIGN**

As we approach the end of the first open enrollment period for the Affordable Care Act, I appreciate the work you have done to connect children, families, and others to health coverage. I urge you to join me as we make the final push to March 31, the end of the open enrollment period, and get as many families enrolled in health coverage as possible. Our work with the Children's Partnership's ALL IN for Health Campaign was a real contributor to getting more than 1.6 million Californians to enroll for either Covered California health insurance plans (please see the Covered California Web page at <http://news.coveredca.com/2014/02/strong-enrollment-numbers-released-by.html#more>) or Medi-Cal. Many of these are students, parents, and employees connected to our schools.

As education leaders, we have an important role to play in keeping children, families, and school employees healthy. We all know that healthy kids are good learners and that teachers can't teach to an empty classroom. Regular checkups, dental care, eyeglasses, and other preventive care measures make a difference.

The ALL IN for Health Campaign makes it easy for schools, early learning programs, and after school sites to help families. Please see the ALL IN Healthcare for all Families Web page at <http://www.allinforhealth.org/> for more information. Here are two things you can do between now and the end of March:

- Provide information to families and individuals about health coverage options. You can download the ALL IN Toolkit at <http://www.allinforhealth.org/toolkit>, and you will find fact sheets for the education community and families, wallet cards, webinar presentations, and tip sheets. You can also post these materials on your own Web site.
- Please consider hosting an enrollment event at school where families can get information and assistance as they enroll in health coverage. ALL IN can help with these activities. Contact the campaign by phone at 916-844-2413 or by e-mail at [allinforhealth@childrenspartnership.org](mailto:allinforhealth@childrenspartnership.org).

I hope you will help our schools get the word out and connect families to health coverage. Together, we can make a difference in the health and well-being of the children we see every day.

Sincerely,

Tom Torlakson

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**Family Blurb for Newsletters, Social Media, Letters, and Other Venues that Reach Families**

Subject: Health Coverage is Still Available!

Covered California's open enrollment closed on February 15, 2015 but health coverage is still available. Medi-Cal enrollment is year-round and enrollment through Covered California's special enrollment is still available for individuals who have experienced a qualifying life event, such as getting married or losing health coverage. Were you not aware of the tax penalty for being uninsured, Covered California will allow you to enroll until April 30, 2015. To start the process for this special-enrollment category, [click here](#).

Before you file your taxes, check out ALL IN's [resource](#) page to learn more about how you need to prove that you had health coverage in 2014, who is exempt from the tax penalty, and where you can go to get tax filing assistance.

ALL IN can help families with our updated [Special Enrollment infographic](#), which provides a step-by-step guide for enrolling in health coverage through Covered California and Medi-Cal. For more information visit [www.allinforhealth.org](http://www.allinforhealth.org).



### Open Enrollment Social Media Messages

Open Enrollment is from Nov 15—Feb 15, 2015. #GetCovered and #StayCovered with @ALLINForHealth toolkit: <http://bit.ly/allinfall>

.@ALLINForHealth simple Open Enrollment infographic can help families #GetCovered and #StayCovered: <http://bit.ly/aitoolkit>

Step-by-step process of enrolling in @CoveredCA and Medi-Cal: <http://bit.ly/aitoolkit>

Spread the word to your family and friends about Open Enrollment with @ALLINForHealth toolkit: <http://bit.ly/allinfall>

Don't have health coverage? No worries! Open Enrollment is happening NOW! #GetCovered <http://bit.ly/allinfall>

Be ready for Open Enrollment with @ALLINForHealth toolkit and infographic: <http://bit.ly/aitoolkit>

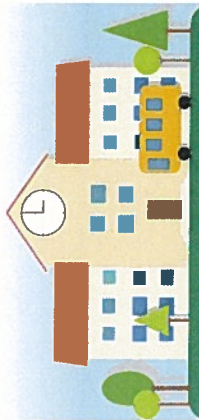
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Time is now! Help kids & families #GetCovered with our toolkit: <http://bit.ly/allinfall>








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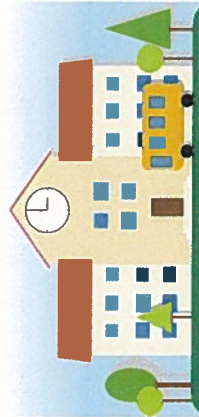
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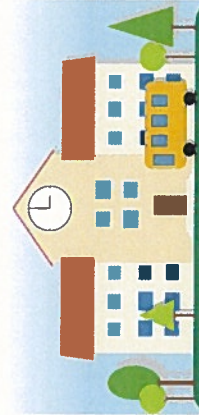
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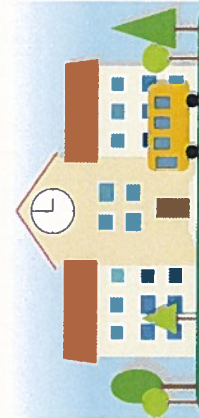
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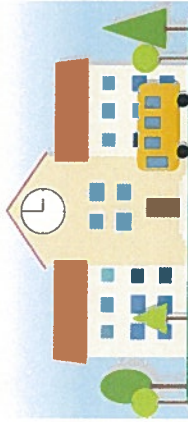
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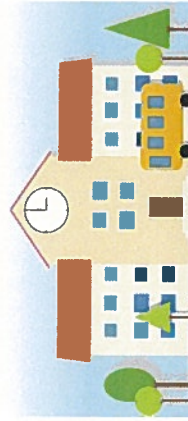
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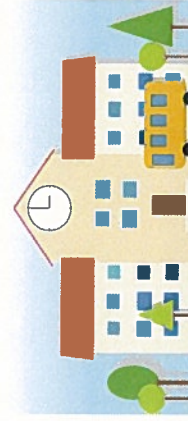
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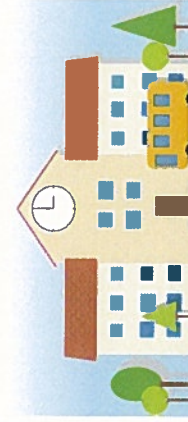
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# EASY STEPS TO ENROLL IN HEALTH COVERAGE

## COVERED CA

Covered California's open enrollment for 2015 coverage has ended. Only individuals who have experienced a qualifying life event, such as having a baby or moving, can now enroll in Covered California.

## MEDI-CAL

Medi-Cal enrollment is available year-round.



### 1. Begin Application



[www.coveredca.com/apply/](http://www.coveredca.com/apply/)



1 (800) 300-1506



Find in-person help:  
[www.coveredca.com/get-help/local/](http://www.coveredca.com/get-help/local/)

### 2. Enter Information



Enter information for all who are applying, including:

- ✓ Name, date of birth, address
- ✓ Income and tax information
- ✓ Citizenship or immigration information
- ✓ Social Security number

### 3. Get Eligibility Results



#### COVERED CA

##### Eligible individuals

Qualified legal residents of California who do not have affordable employer-sponsored coverage

##### Financial eligibility

Depending on income, you may qualify for financial assistance.

#### MEDI-CAL

##### Eligible individuals

Children, families, pregnant women, adults, US citizens, and immigrants, including those with DACA status

##### Financial eligibility

Depending on your income, you may qualify for Medi-Cal.

### 4. Complete Application



#### COVERED CA

- 1) Sign and submit application.
- 2) Choose a plan.

#### MEDI-CAL

- 1) Sign and submit application.

*There may be a low-cost monthly premium for certain individuals.*

### 5. Coverage Starts



#### COVERED CA

- 1) Pay your premium.
- 2) Health plan will send your card and plan information.

#### MEDI-CAL

- 1) Medi-Cal will send your card and health plan information.

Use your coverage to get care.  
Coverage must be renewed every year.





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## Enroll. Get Care. Renew. Health Coverage All Year Long

### Health Coverage Options

#### Medi-Cal:

- ▶ Children, foster youth, pregnant women, adults, US citizens, and immigrants—including those with DACA status—may be eligible for no- or low-cost Medi-Cal.
- ▶ Medi-Cal covers immunizations, checkups, specialists, vision and dental services, and more for children and youth at no- or low-cost.
- ▶ Medi-Cal enrollment is available year-round.

#### Covered California:

- ▶ Covered California is where legal residents of California can compare quality health plans and choose the one that works best for them.
- ▶ Based on income and family size, many Californians may qualify for financial assistance.
- ▶ Enroll during Open Enrollment or any time you experience a life-changing event, like losing your job or having a baby. You have 60 days from the event to complete enrollment.

**! Undocumented Families** visit: [www.allinforhealth.org/resources#Undocumented](http://www.allinforhealth.org/resources#Undocumented)  
Immigration status information is kept private, protected, and secure. It will not be used by any immigration agency to enforce immigration laws, but only to determine eligibility for health programs.

#### You and your family may qualify for financial help:

Household Size	If 2015 household income is less than...		If 2015 household income is between...
1	\$16,105	\$31,043	\$16,106 – \$46,680
2	\$21,708	\$41,842	\$21,709 – \$62,920
3	\$27,311	\$52,642	\$27,312 – \$79,160
4	\$32,913	\$63,441	\$32,914 – \$95,400
5	\$38,516	\$74,241	\$38,517 – \$111,640
6	\$44,119	\$85,041	\$44,120 – \$127,880
▶	Adults may be eligible for Medi-Cal	Children may be eligible for Medi-Cal	May be eligible for financial help to purchase insurance through Covered California

### Enroll.

Three ways to enroll in Medi-Cal and Covered California:

- [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com)  
1(800) 300-1506
- Find in-person help:  
[www.coveredca.com/get-help/local/](http://www.coveredca.com/get-help/local/)

### Get Care.

- ▶ Find a primary care doctor in your network.
- ▶ Schedule an annual checkup for you and your family.
- ▶ Make sure to take your child to the dentist.
- ▶ Pay your monthly premium if your plan requires it.

### Renew.

- ▶ Medi-Cal must be renewed every year. Medi-Cal will mail renewal packet. Complete and return. For help, contact your local Medi-Cal office or call 211.
- ▶ Health plans through Covered California must be renewed every year. Renewal information will be mailed at the end of the year, or contact Covered California at 1 (800) 300-1506.

For more information go to:

[www.allinforhealth.org](http://www.allinforhealth.org)

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## Inscríbese. Cuide Su Salud. Renueve Su Cobertura. Cobertura de salud durante todo el año

### Sus Opciones de Cobertura de Salud

#### Medi-Cal:

- ▶ Niños, jóvenes en hogares de crianza, mujeres embarazadas, adultos, ciudadanos de los Estados Unidos, e inmigrantes incluyendo personas con el estatus de Acción Diferida (DACA)—podrían ser elegibles para Medi-Cal gratis o a bajo costo.
- ▶ Medi-Cal proporciona vacunas, visitas al doctor de prevención, especialista, oculista y servicios dentales para niños y jóvenes gratis o a bajo costo.
- ▶ Inscripción al programa de Medi-Cal está disponible todo el año.

#### Covered California:

- ▶ Covered California es donde los residentes legales de California pueden comparar planes de salud de alta calidad y elegir el que les conviene.
- ▶ Dependiendo de los ingresos y el tamaño de la familia, muchos Californianos también podrían calificarán para obtener ayuda financiera.
- ▶ Inscríbese durante la Inscripción Abierta o en cualquier momento durante el año que a tenido un evento calificado de vida, como si perdió su trabajo o tuvo un bebé. Tienen 60 días del evento para inscribirse.

**!** Para familias indocumentadas visiten: [www.allinforhealth.org/resources#Undocumented](http://www.allinforhealth.org/resources#Undocumented)  
Su información de inmigración es confidencial, protegida, y segura. Su información no se usará para fines de control de inmigración. Solo se usará para determinar la elegibilidad para cobertura médica.

#### Usted y su familia podrían calificar para asistencia financiera:

Tamaño de la familia	Si el ingreso familiar en 2015 es menos de...		Si el ingreso familiar en 2015 es entre...
1	\$16,105	\$31,043	\$16,106 – \$46,680
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▶	Adultos podrían calificar para Medi-Cal	Niños podrían calificar para Medi-Cal	Podrías calificar para asistencia financiera en la compra de un seguro a través de Covered California

### Inscríbese.

Tres maneras para inscribirse con Medi-Cal y Covered California:

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### Cuide Su Salud.

- ▶ Elija su doctor de su red medica.
- ▶ Haga sus citas anuales con su doctor para usted y su familia.
- ▶ Asegúrese de llevar a su hijo(s) al dentista.
- ▶ Si su plan lo requiere, haga su pago mensual.

### Renueve Su Cobertura.

- ▶ El seguro de Medi-Cal debe ser renovado cada año. Medi-Cal le enviará por correo su paquete de renovación. Complete y regrese el paquete. Para ayuda, contacte su oficina de Medi-Cal o marque 211.
- ▶ Los planes de salud a través de Covered California se deben renovar cada año. La información para renovar se le enviará a finales de año o contacte a Covered California al 1 (800) 300-0213.

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