

POST HEALTH REFORM IN LOS ANGELES

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Works to promote social justice and achieve equity in community and environmental resources to improve health and well-being for underserved populations.

Policy Areas:

- Health Systems
- Built Environment

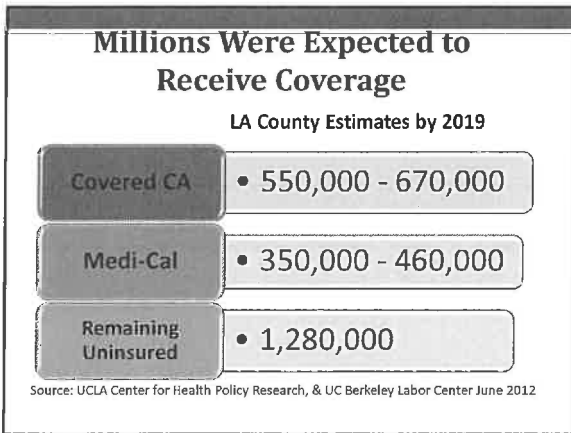
Key Healthcare Changes Impacting LA County

- January 2014 More Coverage Options
 - ✓ Medi-Cal: Expands
 - ✓ Covered CA: Opens
- October 2014 LA County Launched My Health LA
- May 2015 California Expand Medi-Cal Coverage to Undocumented Children



COVERED
CALIFORNIA





Current Enrollment Numbers

Medi-Cal: Adults - 2,054,000 (increase of 1,002,000 since 2011)
LA County Health Survey 2015

Covered CA: 375,230
Covered CA Enrollment Number - March 2016

My Health LA: 145,670
LA Department of Health Services Enrollment Numbers - July 2016

Uninsured: Adults - 750,000 (decrease of 981,000 since 2011)
LA County Health Survey 2015



Provides free or low-cost health coverage in California.

- Adults no longer have to have children in Medi-Cal be blind, disabled, or over 65 to qualify.
- Former foster youth eligible up to age 26
- Must be a California Resident
- Must be a US Citizen, a national or Lawfully Present
- Must be Income Eligible

- Less Documentation and more electronic verification
 - Unless there is a discrepancy or unable to verify income citizenship
 - Must show residency documentation
- Personal property (Asset Test) not counted for most people
 - Still counted for Seniors & Disabled

Medi-Cal accepts new applications all year long

Covered California

Compare, apply for and purchase coverage easily
The only place to get Health Premium Tax Credit (subsidy)

Whose Eligible?

- ✓ Citizen and Lawfully Present Resident
- ✓ California Resident
- ✓ Household income above 138% (financial assistance 139% - 400%)

Renewal Period	Oct 12 – Dec 15
Open Enrollment Period	Nov 1 – Jan 31
Outside Regular Period	Within 60 days after a qualifying life-changing event

My Health LA (MHLA)

Primary Care Program
for low-income uninsured in LA County.

- Primary & Preventive Health Care
- Medications
- Specialty, Emergency & Urgent Care (only at Dept. of Health Services facilities)
- Drug and Alcohol Treatment Services (through LA County Dept. of Public Health)
- No premiums or copayments
- Although dental is not covered through MHLA some community clinics may offer this service

SB 75: Medi-Cal for All Children

- May 1, 2016 - all children under the age of 19 regardless of status who are income eligible can now enroll in Medi-Cal
- Those who were enrolled in restricted Medi-Cal were automatically transitioned

Health4All
KIDS

Healthcare Infrastructure Changes

- Funding received for brick & mortar
 - Increased school based health centers
 - Clinics upgraded sites
 - MLK rebuilt
- Clinics improving their processes
 - Electronic Health Records
 - Patient Centered Medical Homes
 - Integrated Systems of Care
- LA County serving more Medi-Cal beneficiaries through California's Medi-Cal 2020 1115(a) Waiver Demonstration Project
 - DHS submits Whole Person Care Pilot application
 - Expansion of Substance Use Disorder System (START – ODS)



Continued Challenges

- Many still have no usual source of care
- Obtaining Medical care is still difficult
- Demand is increasing faster than the supply
 - Healthcare workforce shortages
 - Reimbursement rates are not increasing
- Technology issues
- System doesn't always meet everyone's needs
- Healthcare system not able to completely meet the myriad of social and economic factors patients face