

# ***Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women Program***

## ***PATIENT FACT SHEET***

### ***What is Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women?***

PE for Pregnant Women is immediate, temporary pregnancy related health care for low-income women.

### ***Who is eligible for PE for Pregnant Women?***

Any woman who thinks she is pregnant and whose family income is under a certain amount is eligible for PE for Pregnant Women. (For example, from April 2011 to March 2012 monthly income is \$2452 for a family size of two; a pregnant woman counts as two.) You must apply through a participating Qualified Provider. Ask your health care provider if they offer PE for Pregnant Women. Coverage starts the day of your first health care visit.

### ***How long can I get PE for Pregnant Women?***

PE for Pregnant Women is good for the month you apply and all of the following month. Your Proof of Eligibility card will have the exact end date written on it. Your coverage will end on that date unless you apply for Medi-Cal. You must bring proof of your Medi-Cal application to your PE for Pregnant Women provider to extend your coverage. You only need to bring the proof one time. Your coverage will be extended until you get your plastic Medi-Cal card in the mail or the county denies your application.

### ***What health care does PE for Pregnant Women cover?***

PE for Pregnant Women pays for pregnancy related care, including abortion and miscarriage. Most doctor, clinic, and emergency room visits are covered. Prenatal vitamins and most medications are covered. PE for Pregnant Women covers some dental and mental health visits related to pregnancy. PE for Pregnant Women does NOT cover hospital labor and delivery care or any other hospital in-patient care.

### ***What if I get bills for health care services?***

You might get care that PE for Pregnant Women does not pay for. **Apply for Medi-Cal before your PE for Pregnant Women ends OR within three months of the date of the service (NOT the date of the bill—that might be too late).** Answer “yes” to the question on the Medi-Cal application form about medical expenses in the last three months, even if you have not received any bills yet. If you do not want Medi-Cal because you had a miscarriage or for any other reason, you should still apply for Medi-Cal and check “yes” for the three-month Medi-Cal coverage. Medi-Cal may cover health care received during the three months before your Medi-Cal application that PE for Pregnant Women does not cover.

### ***What if I have already paid for my health care?***

After you apply and get Medi-Cal, ask your provider to bill Medi-Cal and give you back your money. If the provider will not, call or write the Medi-Cal Program in Sacramento about the *Conlan* Beneficiary Reimbursement Program.

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***IF YOU WOULD LIKE PE FOR PREGNANT WOMEN OR TO APPLY FOR MEDI-CAL, ASK YOUR PROVIDER.***