

Medi-Cal Referral Criteria

Medi-Cal Expansion (MCE):

- Age 19-64 years;
- Income less than or equal to 138% FPL (about \$16,394 in calendar year 2016); and
- Legal CA resident.

MCE Exclusionary Criteria:

- Eligible for or receiving Medicare Benefits (except SSDI recipients in two year wait period for Medicare eligibility); and
- Client is not a lawfully present immigrant. Visit: <http://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/immigrants/> for full information.

Standard Medi-Cal (M/C):

At least one of the following:

- Disabled or potentially disabled;
- Blind;
- Pregnant;
- On refugee status dependent on length of stay in the U.S.; or
- A parent or caretaker relative or a child under 21.

Standard Medi-Cal Exclusionary Criteria:

- Excess assets (e.g. \$2,000 in savings, second car or home, etc.);
- Currently employed and not disabled;
- Receiving unemployment insurance;
- Denied Medi-Cal, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) within the past 12 months; and
- Client is an undocumented immigrant.

Affordable Care Act Requirements

Ten Essential Health Benefits:

For information on the required health benefits, visit: <http://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/coverage-basics/essential-health-benefits/>

Penalties:

Effective 2017 - and going forward, the penalty will be the rate of inflation or 2.5%, whichever is more.

Covered California Referral Criteria

- Income greater than 138% FPL;
- Legal CA resident;
- Not a Medicare Beneficiary;
- Not enrolled/eligible for Medi-Cal; and
- Cannot have employer-based coverage that costs <9.69% of income.

Covered California

Open Enrollment Period:

Open enrollment takes place annually from November 1 to January 31 of each new plan year.

Special Enrollment:

Allows enrollment in Covered California outside of the open enrollment period due to a life-changing event. Special enrollment can take place within 60 days of a life-changing event.

Full details on the Special Enrollment qualifying events listed above can be found on the Covered California website at: <http://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/special-enrollment/qualifying-life-events/>

Screening for Comprehensive Health Care Coverage

