

## Medi-Cal Referral Criteria

### Medi-Cal Expansion (MCE):

- Age 19-64 years;
- Income less than or equal to 138% FPL (about \$16,243 in calendar year 2015); 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: <https://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: <https://www.coveredca.com/individuals-and-families/getting-covered/coverage-basics/essential-health-benefits/>

### Penalties:

- **2016** - 2.5% of income or \$695, whichever is greater; and
- **2017 - and going forward**, the penalty will be the rate of inflation or 2.5%, whichever is greater.

## 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 <9.5% of income.

## Covered California

### Open Enrollment Period:

The open enrollment period for 2016 coverage is 11/01/15 - 01/31/16.

### 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: [https://www.coveredca.com/fact-sheets/PDFs/SEP\\_Factsheet\\_MECH\\_062614.pdf](https://www.coveredca.com/fact-sheets/PDFs/SEP_Factsheet_MECH_062614.pdf)

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