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**CHDP - What is the CHDP referral network?**

**Answer:** The CHDP Referral Directory was created to make it easier for CHDP providers to refer children who have fee-for-service Medi-Cal through the CHDP Program to a Medi-Cal specialist, dentist or vision care provider.

**CHDP - How to get a CHDP Exam?**

**Answer:** Call your physician or clinic and ask for a CHDP exam appointment.  
Ask at a county health center if you are eligible for a CHDP exam  
Ask the school nurse.  
Call 1-800-993-2437

**CHDP - Who is eligible for CHDP Exam?**

**Answer:** Medi-Cal recipients who are enrolled in Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans are eligible for health exams from birth to age 21 years.  
CHDP provides free periodic preventive health services to non-Medi-Cal eligible children and youth from birth to age 19 whose family income is equal to or less than 200 percent of the federal income guidelines. They are eligible for health exams based on the same schedule as Medi-Cal eligible children and youth. Children in Headstart and State Preschool programs.  
Children in Foster Care.

**CHDP - Who provides CHDP exams?**

**Answer:**

The CHDP health exams are provided by CHDP approved:  
Private medical doctors, clinics, medical groups and HMO's.  
County public health centers, comprehensive health centers and some county hospital pediatric clinics, e.g. MLK, Harbor UCLA.  
Some school districts.

**CHDP - What if a problem is found during the CHDP Examination?**

**Answer:** If the health professional finds a problem in any part of the examination, the child and family may receive advice, a specific treatment (such as a prescription) or a referral for additional examinations, diagnosis and treatment.

**CHDP - Does a child receive the same service at every CHDP Examination check?**

**Answer:** No. There is an established schedule based on a child's age and health status. Please click on CHDP Periodicity Schedule for a table listing the dates of exams and the items that are required for each age. The CHDP Immunization Schedule lists all the required vaccinations and the dates for receiving them.

**CHDP - Are CHDP Examinations the same as the regular check a child receives?**

**Answer:** Yes is the simple answer. However, the CHDP Examination requires the health professional to include all the items mentioned above.

**CHDP - Is CCS related to CHDP and part of the referral system?**

**Answer:** California Children's Services (CCS) is the other half to Children's Medical Services (CMS). CMS administers the CHDP and CCS programs. CCS is a program for children who have serious medical conditions. This Program helps children receive care from pediatric specialists. This website has many pages related to CCS.

**CHDP - Who pays for the specialty care?**

**Answer:** CHDP does not pay for specialty care. Children who have full scope Medi-Cal or Healthy Families can use their insurance to pay for specialized care. For families without insurance, there are many resources that depend on the type of problem and family situation. The family can contact the CHDP office and our staff will be happy to assist the family to obtain resources.

**CHDP - How does the referral process work?**

**Answer:** When a problem has been found during a CHDP examination, the health professional and the family discuss and decide what to do. If possible, the provider may treat the problem; for example, a prescription for a medication may be given to the family. If the child needs specialty care, such as an optometrist or a dentist, the CHDP health professional may then make the necessary referral.

**CHDP - What are CHDP Referrals?**

**Answer:** One of the goals of the CHDP Program is to find any medical, dental, nutritional and developmental problems that a child may have before the problems become too severe for treatment. If a problem is found during a CHDP exam, a child may need a referral for diagnosis and/or treatment for that problem. The CHDP health professional must assist families obtain the care their children need.

**CHDP - What services does CHDP provide?**

**Answer:** In L.A. County, the CHDP Program began in 1975. The main purpose of the Program is to make sure that children from low/moderate income families and children with Medi-Cal have access to complete preventive exams. CHDP offers scheduled health checkups at NO COST to the eligible family. The health checkup includes:

A complete medical and developmental history

An unclothed examination

A dental screening assessment

A nutritional assessment

Visions and hearing screening

Immunizations (shots)

Urine, blood, and TB screening tests

Certain lab tests as needed

Tobacco avoidance and cessation counseling for patients and caregivers

Health education

CHDP exams are available at 1,000 provider offices (approximately 1,900 health assessors) in the Los Angeles area including private doctors, clinics, and county facilities providing CHDP exams.