

# COMING IN OCTOBER 2013: Free and Low-Cost Health Insurance

## Schools and Child-Care Providers Can Help Connect Families to Coverage



More than 5 million Californians will become eligible for health insurance through Obamacare (Affordable Care Act) on October 1. Most students and parents will be able to get health coverage, either through Covered California or Medi-Cal.

Regular check-ups, dental care, eyeglasses, and other needed preventive care make a difference. Kids who are insured miss fewer days of schools and are better able to concentrate.

### HELP GET THE WORD OUT NOW

- Promote new health coverage options in your memos, newsletters, e-mail blasts, and other communications to families and staff.
- Download flyers and other materials from [www.childrenspartnership.org/coverage4schools](http://www.childrenspartnership.org/coverage4schools) and share with families at school events, including back-to-school nights, health fairs, and sporting events.
- Host enrollment nights, where families can receive assistance enrolling in coverage.
- Ask coaches, teachers, counselors, staff, cafeteria workers, after-school workers, bus drivers, janitors, PTA members, and child-care staff to share information with families and employees.

### Two Options for Families, Students, and School and Child-Care Employees

#### Low-Cost Health Insurance Through Covered California

Covered California is the new health insurance exchange for legal residents who do not have coverage through work or another government program.

Financial assistance to purchase insurance will be available to many families. For example, a family of four that makes less than \$94,000 a year but more than \$32,499 a year will qualify for financial assistance.

Insurance can be purchased at [www.coveredca.com](http://www.coveredca.com) starting October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2014.

#### Free Health Insurance Through Medi-Cal

Low-income families and individuals can get free health coverage through Medi-Cal.

- If annual income for a family of four is less than \$58,875, children are eligible for Medi-Cal.
- Children can already enroll today at [www.healthapp.net](http://www.healthapp.net).
- If annual income for a family of two is less than \$21,404, adults (even those without children) will also be eligible for Medi-Cal.
- Eligible low-income adults will be able to enroll starting October 1.



Visit [www.childrenspartnership.org/coverage4schools](http://www.childrenspartnership.org/coverage4schools) for more information and tools to help connect Californians to health coverage.

For further assistance, contact The Children's Partnership at

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