

CALIFORNIA CHILDREN'S HEALTH INITIATIVES

Our Vision

The vision of CCHI is that every child who lives in California will have access to affordable and quality health care through health insurance.

Our Mission

The mission of CCHI is to create sustainable health care coverage for all children in California and maximize Federal and State participation in funding that health insurance.

Our Beliefs

1. We believe that each county's Children Health Initiative has implemented unique and successful outreach strategies that meet the needs of their diverse communities and the families they serve. Thus, the experience of each CHI should be recognized, respected and serve as the foundation for current and future efforts.
2. We believe that children statewide are better served by providing local communities with the flexibility and funding necessary to maintain and expand outreach, enrollment, retention and utilization activities.
3. We believe that medical and dental homes are important to the well-being and growth of healthy children.
4. We believe that family information is confidential. The confidentiality and privacy protections set forth in Sections 10500 and 14100.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code should also apply to all children and families seeking, applying for, or enrolled in Healthy Families and to extend that protection to any new or expanded children's health insurance program.

Our Desired Outcomes

The California Children's Health Initiatives' desired outcomes include:

- A. Development of one application with strong protections for state-only funded children and support of continued simplification efforts for the application. We support the education of application assistors who are responsible for assisting families in the completion of the application.
- B. Simplification of the annual renewal process that is coordinated among the public insurance programs, including one simplified renewal form per family pre-populated with member data. Bridging between programs should be simplified between state and local entities with minimal impact on families.
- C. Application assistors having the ability to check the disposition of applications and applicants they have assisted at every point in the process through renewal.
- D. Designation of one organization within each county that acts as the lead agency on behalf of a coalition of partners, to receive and administer state funds designated for CHI outreach and enrollment.
- E. Development of a premium assistance fund, where applicable, with the option of allowing it to be maintained and administered locally, including by county government.

- F. Supporting MRMIB's continued efforts to be more responsive and flexible, while ensuring an accurate enrollment process, in its management of a new or expanded children's health insurance program. We would like this to include enhanced communication processes with families and application assistors.
- G. Maintaining current enrollment should be a priority should funding become constrained.
- H. Allowing self-declaration of income and flexibility on proof of residency for any new or expanded children's health insurance program.
- I. Exploration of the possibility of expansion of eligibility for families and employers who may desire to buy in to the program.
- J. Coordination between local CHIs and MRMIB to manage the enrollee's transition to any new or expanded children's health insurance program no later than the member's annual renewal date.