

Enrollment of AIM Linked Infants in the Healthy Families Program

Background:

The Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) Program provides low cost health insurance coverage to uninsured (or who have maternity only deductibles above \$500), middle income pregnant women whose family income is between 200% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The total cost of coverage through the AIM Program is 1.5% of the pregnant woman's adjusted annual household income. Babies born to AIM mothers (i.e., AIM Linked-Infants) are automatically eligible for the Healthy Families Program (HFP) for up to two years, based on state law and rules/processes specified below.

Transition Overview:

Starting on January 1, 2013, children enrolled in the HFP began to be transitioned in multiple phases to the Medi-Cal Program and no new children are being enrolled in HFP **except for AIM linked infants**. The transition of HFP children depends on the health plan that the child is enrolled in and their county of residence. It is important to note that not all children in the same county and health plan are transitioned at the same time. Specifically, AIM-linked infants that **have not** been transitioned yet but will be transitioned to the Medi-Cal Program during a later transition phase; also, children that **have not** been provided the required transition notices will remain with their current health plan until the notices have been provided.

Current AIM Enrollment Rules/Processes:

- Babies born to women enrolled in the AIM Program are automatically eligible for the HFP for up to their 2nd birthday, if the infants are not already enrolled in no-cost Medi-Cal or Employer-Sponsored Insurance (ESI) coverage.
- AIM-linked infants are enrolled in the HFP when the Infant Registration Form is submitted to the HFP.
- The AIM mother, the AIM health plan, or AIM mother's provider can submit the Infant Registration Form to initiate the enrollment of an AIM-linked infant in the HFP.
- The start of HFP coverage for an AIM-linked infant is back to a child's date of birth unless the child is enrolled in the no-cost Medi-Cal Program or has ESI.
- The HFP will cover the AIM-linked infant for any months they are not covered by no-cost Medi-Cal or ESI.
- An AIM-linked infant can be registered and enrolled into the HFP until the 11th month following the birth month of their baby.
- The HFP assigns the unique AIM-linked infant aid code (0C) and posts it on the Medi-Cal Eligibility Data System (MEDS) when an AIM-linked infant is enrolled in the HFP.
- At the time of AIM-linked infants' first Annual Eligibility Review (AER), they are eligible for the HFP if their family income is above 133% of FPL and below 300% of FPL.
- At the time of AIM-linked infants' second AER if their family income is at or below 250% of FPL, they will be disenrolled from the HFP and will be forwarded to the Medi-Cal for Families Program for an eligibility determination.
- When AIM-linked infants are transitioned to the Medi-Cal Program, the AIM-linked infant aid code is the only mechanism available to the Medi-Cal Program to identify an AIM-linked child.
- When AIM-linked infants are transitioned to the Medi-Cal Program and an AIM-linked infant's household income is above 250% of FPL and below 300% of FPL at the time of their first AER, the child's application will be forwarded back to the HFP for re-enrollment in the HFP for the 2nd year of coverage.