

CHDP SERVICES FOR SBHI AND SLOHI

As taken from the Contract Definitions Section of this Provider Manual, the definition of the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program is: CHDP is “California’s version of the Federal Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program. The CHDP Program provides for the payment of well child visits, screening procedures, and immunizations for children (to age 21), which are also CenCal Health covered services [for Santa Barbara Health Initiative (SBHI) and San Luis Obispo Health Initiative (SLOHI) Members]. CenCal Health currently does not administer the CHDP Program. Therefore CHDP providers must separately bill the State CHDP Program for services covered by this Program. Non-CHDP providers and CHDP providers whose claims already have been denied by the State CHDP Program bill CenCal Health.”

Additionally, CHDP Providers are defined as “providers of medical services who have applied to and have been approved by Santa Barbara or San Luis Obispo County’s CHDP Program and agree to provide CHDP services according to the CHDP Health Assessment Guidelines and the CHDP Program regulations in the Health and Safety Code, Section 124025 and following. Even if CenCal Health assumes administrative responsibility for the CHDP Program, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County (“the County”) will retain the authority to recruit, certify, and re-certify CHDP Providers and to monitor their compliance.”

Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, Prenatal PLUS 2 and CHDP

Healthy Families (HF), Healthy Kids (HK) and **Prenatal PLUS 2 (PP2)** members (“Members”) are not affiliated with the CHDP program however PCPs who see these members are requested to be CHDP certified and follow the guidelines of CHDP included below in this section. NOTE: preventive health services, health assessments, and immunizations are benefits of the HF, HK and **PP2** programs, and are to be billed to CenCal Health on standard claim forms. (The PM 160 does not apply to these programs.)

NOTE: REFERENCE TO SBHI, SLOHI, OR MEDI-CAL MEMBERS BELOW SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE APPLICABLE TO HF, HK OR PP2 MEMBERS.

General Information

Though the CHDP program, administered by the County Children’s Medical Services Department, is separate from CenCal Health, minor age SBHI SLOHI members are CHDP eligible, and contracted SBHI and SLOHI Primary Care Providers who see said members under age 21 are encouraged to consider participating in this program. Through CHDP, physicians are reimbursed for providing children and youth with regular preventative health assessments to identify any health problems. Those with suspected problems are referred for necessary diagnosis and treatment. The earlier they are found, the more easily

they can be treated or more serious problems prevented. It is important to note that CHDP providers are reimbursed for the exams *in addition* to the monthly capitation the PCP receives from SBHI and SLOHI.

SBHI and SLOHI PCP Responsibility

If CenCal Health assumes administrative responsibility for the CHDP Program for Medi-Cal eligible children, the PCP shall be responsible for the primary care case management, coordination of medical referrals, and the continuity of care for Members qualified to receive CHDP Services. Such activities shall include, but are not limited to: (i) scheduling medical appointments; (ii) following up on missed appointments, and reporting such missed appointments to the County; (iii) referring children to the County CHDP Program who have lost Medi-Cal eligibility and SBHI/SLOHI benefits but who still require treatment (unless the member is eligible for non Medi-Cal CHDP, or the PCP wishes to continue to provide services to the non Medi-Cal member); and (iv) referring Members who are potentially eligible for community resources to such local resources. Training and education for the PCPs on CHDP Program related issues and standards will be provided by both the County and CenCal Health.

Program Coverage

All Medi-Cal recipients from birth to 21 years are eligible for health assessments based on a periodic schedule. Non-Medi-Cal eligible children and youth from birth to age 19 from low-income families are also eligible for health assessments based on the same schedule. Yearly screenings for chronically ill children, Head Start and State Preschool programs are also provided. Immunizations are provided as part of the comprehensive health assessment examination. Sports and camp physicals are also covered.

Billing

Billing for CHDP examinations is done on the “Child Health and Disability Prevention Screening / Billing Report” (PM160) provided by the State Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary, EDS. The form is easy to complete and, if filled out correctly, will ensure timely reimbursement. The CHDP Administration Office is available to provide information and orientation about the CHDP program.

Payment

If CenCal Health assumes responsibility for the payment of claims for CHDP services, CenCal Health will reimburse PCPs according to the rates set by the State of California.

Participation

Private physicians, county health departments, and community clinics can perform CHDP health assessments. CHDP encourages appropriately trained private provider (pediatrician and family practice) participation. To become a provider:

1. Contact the County CHDP Administration Office at 681-5130, to obtain a brief application form and information packet, or for further information.
2. When the application is returned, CHDP staff will perform a walk-through site visit to assess that basic screening equipment is available (scales, audiometer, hemoglobinometer), and they provide an orientation for staff.
3. A provider number is requested via the CHDP Administration Office. Examinations can be billed as soon as the provider number is received.

Member Assignment

CenCal Health will only assign Members up to age 19 to SBHI/SLOHI Primary Care Providers who are CHDP certified; non CHDP certified PCPs will be assigned only Members 19+.

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