

Healthy Kids Members Will Transition to Medi-Cal on October 1st

Starting on October 1st, 2019, HPSM's Healthy Kids HMO program will sunset and most members will be transitioned into HPSM's Medi-Cal program. HPSM has reached out to families about this change in partnership with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the San Mateo County Health Coverage Unit. Here is a quick summary of what you might need to know if you are treating Healthy Kids members.

Eligibility

All Healthy Kids members who are eligible for the County Children's Health Insurance Program (CCHIP) will begin receiving Medi-Cal benefits. Out of around 1,600 Healthy Kids members, only about 20 don't qualify for CCHIP. They will be offered free health care coverage for 12 months through a Kaiser Silver plan as part of the San Mateo County Children's Health Initiative.

Network

The Healthy Kids network is also contracted for Medi-Cal, so PCPs and specialists who treat Healthy Kids members can continue with those patients.

- **PCPs:** If you are currently seeing a CCHIP child through the Healthy Kids program, the child will be automatically transitioned to your Medi-Cal panel on October 1st, 2019. We will notify you if any of the children currently on your panel are not CCHIP eligible, as these children will be transitioned to a Kaiser provider.
- **Specialists:** If you are currently seeing a CCHIP eligible child through the Healthy Kids program, the child's eligibility will automatically show as Medi-Cal as of October 1st, 2019. Please bill under Medi-Cal for all services rendered. If you are treating a non-CCHIP child through Healthy Kids, they will show as ineligible with HPSM as of October 1st, 2019 and services will not be covered.

Services

Medi-Cal covers the same services that Healthy Kids does, including medical visits, prescription drugs, vision services, behavioral health services and substance abuse treatment. Dental care is provided through Medi-Cal Dental (Denti-Cal). The change will also increase some benefits through a program called Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT). You can learn about EPSDT at www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/epsdt/index.html.

If you have questions about how the transition may affect your practice, contact HPSM Provider Services at **650-616-2106** or psinquiries@hpsm.org.