

HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROPOSED BY FRESNO COUNTY

Undocumented Immigrants

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Eligibility

- Adults
- Up to 138% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Last resort services, have applied and denied full-scope Medi-Cal and must use all other healthcare options first

Gap Coverage Program - Specialty services and limited hospital services

- Referrals through FQHCs for patients meeting eligibility requirements, medical necessity, exhausted possible healthcare options as noted above
- There is not a FQHC contract however FQHCs must complete a referral protocol in alignment with program requirements
- Program pays for a wide range of specialists and hospital related services including testing and surgeries.
- Program does not pay for primary care or emergency care

Contract

- Agreement with a vendor for authorization and claims payment
- Compensation capped at \$5.5 million
- Five percent administrative fee for all claims processed
- Denies referral authorizations that are incomplete/inaccurate
- Pays specialty providers and hospital at Medi-Cal rates
- Submits invoices to county every 30 days
- Notifies County at an expenditure threshold (85%); wind down services for the year (pay pro-rated rate for the 30 day period)

What does this require to make it work?

FQHCS

- Serve individuals regardless of citizenship and ability to pay per their federal obligation. Provides primary care, basic lab and radiology, case management and are eligible to participate in 340(b) pricing.
- Submit referrals for specialty per referral protocol.
- Under Fresno model, is not contracted for specialty services or receives any reimbursement for primary care services.

HOSPITALS

- Emergency care via restricted scope Medi-Cal, hospital presumptive eligibility, other programs.

- Fresno has one major hospital system – contracts for specialty services and inpatient services at Medi-Cal rates for services not reimbursable under Medi-Cal

SPECIALITY PROVIDERS

- Provide services at Medi-Cal rates

Financing

- \$5.5 million is the amount of money the County has available due to the state deferring for 5 years County repayment of transportation funding. This amount is not representative of the cost of care rather it is the amount available because of this deferral.
- County has an agreement with State DHCS that any payments made under this program can offset payments the County makes to the state under AB 85 making this program operate at no new cost to the County. *Given this feature, the County may increase funding in the future at no cost to the County.*