



## PROVIDER INFORMATION NOTICE

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**TITLE:** Age Eligibility Requirements for the My Health LA (MHLA) Program – Young Adults

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### Background

Effective January 1, 2020, a new law in California extends full-scope Medi-Cal to young adults ages 19 through 25 regardless of immigration status. All other Medi-Cal eligibility rules, including income limits, still apply. The law, Senate Bill (SB) 104, was approved by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 9, 2019 and takes effect January 1, 2020.

The expansion of Medi-Cal to eligible young adults is modeled after SB 75, which provided full scope Medi-Cal to all eligible children under the age of 19 regardless of immigration status.

The newly eligible young adults will qualify for all Medi-Cal benefits.

### Transition

Eligible individuals ages 19 through 25 enrolled in restricted scope Medi-Cal will be transitioned to full-scope Medi-Cal on January 1, 2020. They will not need to submit a new application. Eligible individuals ages 19 through 25 not enrolled in restricted scope Medi-Cal will need to submit a Medi-Cal application.

### My Health LA (MHLA) Participants

There are nearly 3,000 young adults in MHLA who are eligible for Medi-Cal under SB 104. Roughly two-thirds of those participants are not currently enrolled in restricted Medi-Cal. MHLA community partner clinics should enroll those young adults in restricted Medi-Cal as soon as possible or refer them to the Department of Public Social Services.

Beginning January 1, 2020, young adults ages 19 through 25 will no longer be eligible for MHLA. They also will no longer be eligible for dental services through MHLA. They will not be able to apply for MHLA or renew their MHLA coverage; the One-E-App system will stop accepting applications for anyone under 26.

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Participants between the ages of 19 and 25 enrolled in MHLA on January 1, 2020 will not be disenrolled from MHLA until the Department of Health Services has determined that those participants are enrolled in full scope Medi-Cal, or by March 31, 2020, whichever is sooner.

The eligible young adults in MHLA will receive notices next month informing them that they are eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal and that they will no longer be eligible for MHLA. Those who are not enrolled in full-scope Medi-Cal by January 1, 2020 will receive a second letter informing them of their upcoming disenrollment from MHLA.

We will be holding a webinar on **Thursday, October 31 at noon** to discuss how this will affect MHLA participants and what we are doing to ensure a smooth transition to full-scope Medi-Cal.

We encourage everyone to participate since you will also have the opportunity to ask questions. Please see below for the webinar information. If you have any questions ahead of time, feel free to e-mail Francia Nava at [fnava@dhs.lacounty.gov](mailto:fnava@dhs.lacounty.gov).

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