

Health Care Reform:

*An update for San Luis Obispo
County*

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Statewide Medi-Cal enrollment

- Governor's May Budget Revises estimates
 - Enrollment of 1.6 million expansion adults newly eligible for Medi-Cal since January 1 (a 100% increase over January's estimate) for whom the federal government pays 100% of the costs.
 - 815,000 people who were previously eligible for Medi-Cal but unenrolled (a 60% increase over January's estimate) for whom the federal government and California each pay half the costs.

Local enrollment

- Covered CA health insurance and selected plans through April 15;
 - 12,256 individuals in San Luis Obispo County
 - 91% subsidized
 - Perhaps equal enrollment in Blue Shield and Anthem for subsidized enrollees
 - Regionally, 28% of subsidized persons chose Bronze plan; 64% chose Silver plan
 - Central Coast Six County region: Covered CA enrollment was almost 3 times initial base projections

Local enrollment

- Medi-Cal
 - 4,100 new SLO Medi-Cal enrollees in CenCal through March.
 - 17,236 persons applied for Medi-Cal to date.
 - 1,157 denied coverage
 - 16,079 either approved or pending
 - In the past 7 months, Medi-Cal applications have been 22% over the estimate for the entire year.
 - Unknown numbers of new Medi-Cal through “Express Lane” enrollment for those on CalFresh (food stamps)
- Unknown number of enrollees outside of Covered CA

Observations

- Upcoming ACA consumer issues:
 - Finding providers
 - Managing co-pays and deductions
 - In-network; out-of-network
- Upcoming ACA enrollment issues
 - Ongoing Medi-Cal enrollment
 - Covered CA special enrollment
 - Open small business enrollment
- Upcoming policy issues
 - Large employer mandate
 - Cost control



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