

NEW OPPORTUNITY:

**CalFresh
Participants Can
Get Free Health
Coverage Without
an Application**

Exciting news for CalFresh enrollees who do not have health insurance:

The State has decided to “**express enroll**” **153,000 children and about 550,000 adults** who are enrolled in CalFresh, but not currently enrolled in Medi-Cal. The “Express Lane Enrollment” process allows these selected individuals to be immediately enrolled in Medi-Cal by simply giving their OK. **NO application!**

This is an exciting opportunity to quickly enroll huge numbers of California children and adults in health insurance. The Medi-Cal program provides no-cost coverage for comprehensive health care such as doctor visits, hospital visits, prescription drugs, mental health care, and dental care for children (partial dental for adults starting in May).

What is "Express Lane Enrollment"?

California's Express Lane Enrollment Project is based on new federal health reform rules to help simplify Medi-Cal enrollment. California has identified non-elderly CalFresh enrollees—single adults, parents and children—who are not yet enrolled in Medi-Cal but are eligible. By using known income information, the state has determined that these CalFresh individuals can be enrolled in Medi-Cal without the need for an application or any further paperwork.

How will families know they can express enroll?

The state Department of Health Care Services sent out letters the week of February 3rd to all non-elderly adult CalFresh enrollees who do not have Medi-Cal coverage. **The letters for children will be sent in about 2 weeks (mid to late-February).** Each family member's letter has a PIN at the top that is unique to that individual.

What will families need to do to enroll?

Using the unique PIN, families have three ways to enroll:



Sign and return
the letter;



Call 1-844-212-0003 give
the PIN listed on top of
the letter; or



Go online to
[http://dhcs.ca.gov/Express
Lane](http://dhcs.ca.gov/ExpressLane) to enter the PIN
listed on top of the letter.

If enrolling by mail, each family member's letter must be signed and mailed in. To express enroll their children, parents may have to wait to receive their child's letter with their child's PIN. However, the parent could try to call the number on the letter or contact their county Medi-Cal office to express enroll their child at the same time as they sign up themselves. The family can choose a health plan at the time they express enroll (in counties where there are health plan choices).