

Questions about the Newborn Hospital Gateway proposal

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1. Is this program only for infants of birthing parents covered by Medi-Cal?
2. When will the Medi-Cal CIN number be issued (e.g., immediately/soon after the birth is reported, within 48 hours)? Who will have access to the information and how?
3. Is race/ethnicity information for the newborn captured in the current gateways (CHDP, P4PW, HPE, etc.)? If not, can it be included in the newborn hospital gateway programming?
4. What will be the electronic pathway(s) for sharing the birth data?
5. How soon after enrollment will an infant show up on an MCP's enrollment files, or is there another mechanism for DHCS sharing out infant enrollment information?
6. Will the infant's Medi-Cal eligibility be available/updated in MEDS? This is what WIC staff check for the infant. What data will DHCS make publicly available on Newborn Hospital Gateway Enrollments?
7. Do any of the current gateways allow the birthing parent to select the PCP(s) for the newborn(s)?
8. Will there be any changes or modifications to the MCP selection process, such as sharing choice packets and information with expecting parents? How will parents/caregivers be supported in making informed decisions about the best PCP for their child(ren)? How will PCPs be engaged in the implementation process?
9. Can you share a timeline of key implementation activities, including stakeholder processes to gather input on the design/implementation of the Newborn Hospital Gateway? What are the assumed contingencies impacting implementation of this proposal (e.g., sunset of CHDP, electronic systems changes, tech/adoption by all impacted providers, etc.)?
10. Stakeholders would like to inform the technology changes, outreach and education/training for providers and consumers, and monitoring of implementation, so what will be the forums for stakeholder input?
11. How will the policy/implementation address the naming rights of Native American/American Indian communities and any other communities that may name a child after the 24 hours or current 10-day requirement?
12. What will testing of the Newborn Hospital Gateway look like? Will there be training or technical assistance available to implement the Newborn Hospital Gateway?