

Health Care Reporter

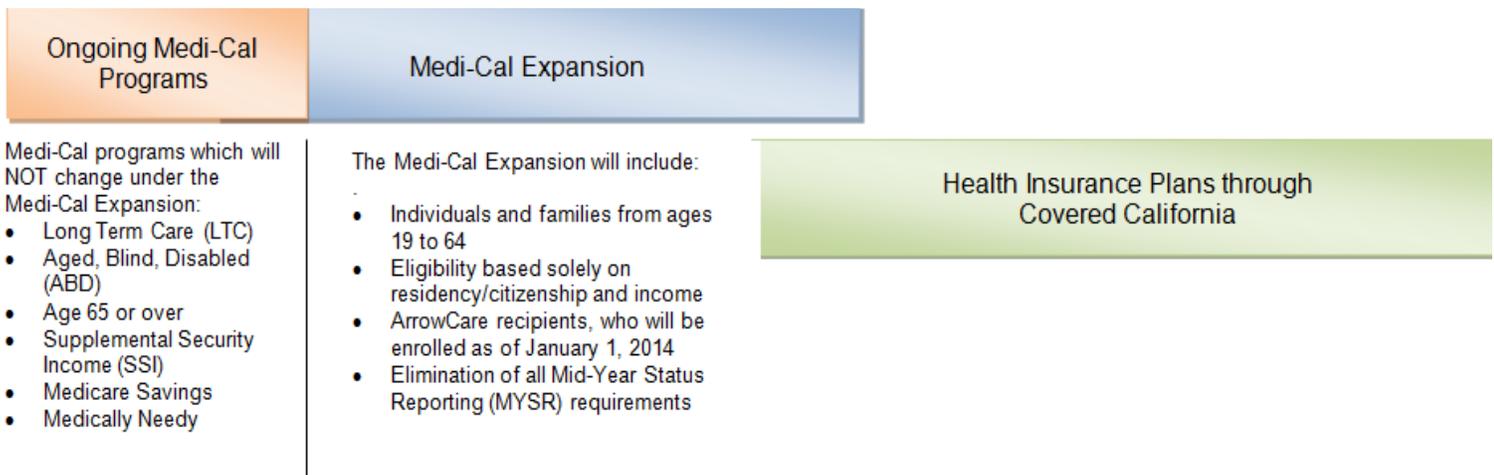
Making San Bernardino County Health Care Ready!



What is Health Care Reform?

In 2010, the federal government enacted the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Health Care Reform or ObamaCare, aiming to increase the number of Americans with insurance and cut the overall costs of healthcare. The new law expands the Medi-Cal program *and* provides financial assistance to help individuals, families, *and* small businesses pay for health insurance. To assist those without insurance to get covered, ACA required California to set up an insurance exchange focused on providing an accessible place to compare and buy health insurance. This exchange is known as *Covered California* and is designed to work alongside counties to assess a person's eligibility to Medi-Cal/subsidies and/or assist him/her in comparing and choosing a quality health insurance plan.

Levels of Eligibility



Applying for Health Care Coverage: “No Wrong Door”

Beginning October 1, 2013, everyone can pre-enroll in Expanded Medi-Cal or health coverage:

Online through the Covered California website, (CoveredCA.com) or C4Yourself.com.

In person or by mail in any TAD district office or by mailing an application to Covered California.

By phone through Covered California or any TAD district office/Customer Service Center (CSC).