

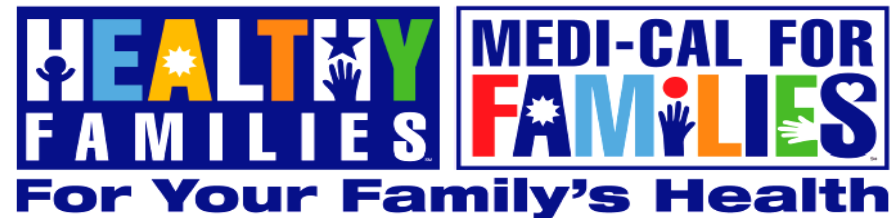
# Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board

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## Institute For Health Policy Solutions' Innovation in Coverage and Access Forum

November 17, 2005

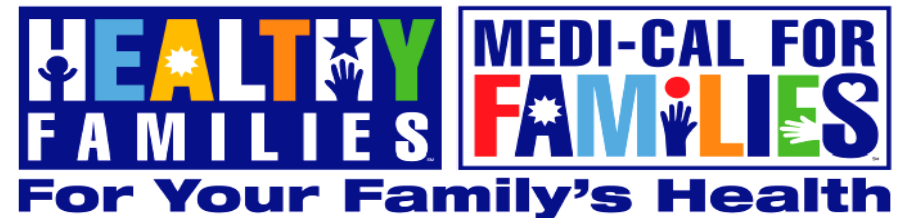
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# Background

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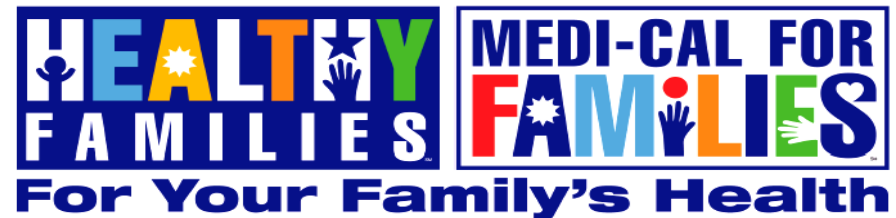
- Building on Healthy Families Program (HFP) model, California counties have pioneered development of nationally recognized model of local Children's Health Initiatives (CHI)
- CHI are models for expanding health coverage to populations that are not eligible for federal/state health coverage programs (HFP & MC)
- Ten counties have created their own local CHIs (Healthy Kids Programs)



# Background (cont)

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- Counties & supporters have identified administrative and/or health coverage infrastructure barriers to expanding the number of CHIs
- Chapter 80, Statutes of 2005 (AB 131) authorized MRMIB to review feasibility and establish a Buy-In Program to assist in the development of local CHIs



# Progress To-Date

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- 8/5/05-MRMIB distributed program design issue paper and county letter of intent form to the public
- 8/25/05-MRMIB conducted public meeting to discuss Buy-In Program design issues and county letters of intent
- 9/6/05-MRMIB received public feedback on design issues and county letters of intent
- 9/28/05-MRMIB staff presented to the Board recommendations on program design issues, a list of counties that submitted letters of intent and the revised work plan/timeline (these materials are included in the conference binder for your convenience)



# Progress To-Date (cont)

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- ④ Eleven counties have expressed interest in participating in the Buy-In Program
- ④ The eleven counties estimate that they would provide services to approximately 20,000 uninsured children
- ④ Anticipated Buy-In Program implementation date is July 2006
- ④ MRMIB staff continues to work with philanthropic foundations to fund necessary administrative modifications to implement the program



# Buy-In Program Design

- Contract w/ counties or county agencies
- Counties administer their multiple funding streams
- MRMIB's Admin Vendor conducts eligibility determinations & administers enrollment slots
- Admin Vendor handles 1<sup>st</sup> level appeals; MRMIB handles 2<sup>nd</sup> level appeals
- Waiting lists at county option
- Admin Vendor handles premium billing, collection and reconciliation
- Standardized statewide premiums consistent w/ HFP
- Hardship funds at county option
- Minimum 2 year contract term
- Require 12 months funding per enrolled subscriber deposited in advance
- Statewide standard of at or below 300% FPL
- Require plan to cover all children through age 18; can begin w/ 0-5 funding
- Cover children on first apply first enrolled basis; except for 0-5 children
- Draw down federal fund participation (FFP) immediately for SCHIP eligibles
- FFP shall be standardized statewide
- Allow existing Healthy Kids Programs to opt in solely for FFP purposes
- Use joint HFP/MC application; also accept MC210
- Counties shall be responsible for outreach
- Require outreach message of health coverage for all children and local commitment to that principle
- HFP benefits package (health, dental and vision including co-payments)
- County option of selecting all HFP plans or lowest cost HFP combination in county



# MRMIB Buy-In Program Contact Information

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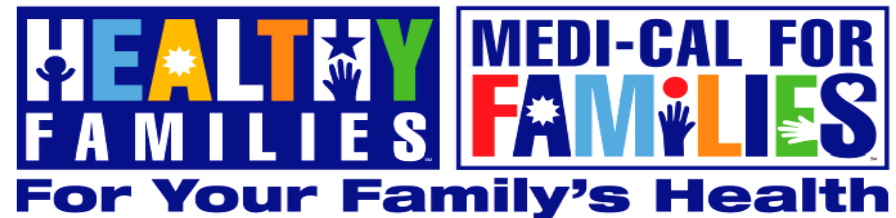
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