



# Healthy Kids Monthly

It is with great regret the Tulare County Healthy Kids insurance program will be closing. The Healthy Kids program closure will occur on October 31, 2010.

First 5 Tulare County 0-5 program, the Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency 6-18 program and foundations providing Healthy Kids program funding will no longer fund the Tulare County Healthy Kids program.

After October 31, 2010 all children enrolled in the Healthy Kids program will no longer have health insurance coverage for medical, dental and vision. Resources and other possible health coverage options are available by calling a Certified Application Assistant (CAA), First 5 Tulare County at 559-622-8650 or you may visit [www.Healthykidstulare.org](http://www.Healthykidstulare.org) for a list of CAA's and health coverage resources.

As of March 1, 2010 the following will occur for current Healthy Kids members:

- Premiums are paid on a monthly basis only. Premium assistance will be offered on a case by case basis as necessary.
- Healthy Kids members with an anniversary date between May 1<sup>st</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup> will be mailed a modified version of the AER to determine continued eligibility.
- All Healthy Kids members will be mailed their first notice of cancellation February 22, 2010. Future notifications will be mailed in May, August and September 2010.

As of March 15, 2010 the Healthy Kids program will stop enrolling children of any age.

The current waiting list for the Healthy Kids 6-18 program has ceased. Children "aging out" of the 0-5 program will continue to receive coverage until the program closure date of October 31, 2010.

All Healthy Kids members 0-18 will receive a series of letters to keep them updated on the status of the Healthy Kids program.

**Healthy Kids staff and CAA's are strongly encouraging members to utilize all services covered by the Healthy Kids health insurance program including but not limited to well child exams, dental exams and vision exams.**

Special thanks to all CAA's who have assisted the Healthy Kids program staff in working on the front lines of communities within Tulare County. Without your eyes, ears and willingness to serve, the children in need of health coverage may not have received quality care. Thank you for constantly communicating with us, for driving out to many rural communities along dirt paths, for developing lasting relationships with families and for eagerly submitting paperwork for Healthy Kids insurance coverage. In some cases this was the first time children had access to full coverage medical, dental and vision care. Keep your passion and drive at the heart of the many other programs you continue to work with. Thank you and keep up the awesome work!

Sincerely,

Tulare County Healthy Kids 0-5 program staff (Sterling Bishop, Selina Escobar and Vera Rodriguez)

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