Coverage Options for Homeless Patients*

| | Medi-Cal | Healthy Way LA-matched | Healthy Way LA-unmatched | Supplemental Security Income |
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| Program Description | AKA "Medicaid" in other states. A public health insurance program that provides needed health care services to California residents with low-incomes, particularly people who are elderly, disabled, or have been diagnosed with specific medical conditions/diseases. A state program with federal match. In California, counties put forth local match for public patients. Mostly moving to managed care run through health plans (i.e., LA Care). | AKA, "Low Income Health Program (LIHP)". Part of LA County's "bridge to reform." Opportunity to enroll patients ahead of Medicaid expansion of 2014. Adminsitered through LAC DHS. | Provides care for patients who are not Healthy Way LA (HWLA) eligible. Usually people who are undocumented with incomes below 133% FPL. | A federal entitlement program for people with limited income who are disabled and/or over age 65. This benefit also provides automatic health insurance coverage through Medi-Cal. The current SSI payment rate in California is \$854/month. |
| Who Qualifies | People living below 100% Federal Poverty Limit and in one of the special populations listed below: Families receiving CalWORKs People receiving SSI Children up to age 21 People 65 years of age or older Foster care youth up to age 24 Blind or Disabled Pregnant women Diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer | legal residents in U.S. more than 5 yrs or a U.S. citizen. Must not be receiving Medi-Cal. | 1 | A physical or mental disorder disability that is expected to last 12 months or more with income limits determined annually by the Social Security Administration. In 2013, the income limit for an individual will be \$1040. No more than \$2,000 in assets. |
| Funding Source | County and Federal Government | County and Federal Government | County with a small amount of Federal Geovernment resources | Federal Government |
| Which services are provided | Medical care, prescriptions, some mental health and substance use treatment services. | Primary care visits by appointment, in-house pharmacies, assigned medical home. | Primary care visits (by appointment at community partner sites), in-house pharmacies, acute care. | Financial assistance Medi-Cal medical benefits |
| What changes after most Affordable Care Act provisions are implmented (post- 2014) | Expansion to 133% FPL with no disability requirement. | Will transition to become part of Medi-Calas set forth in the Affodable Care Act. | No required changes. | No required changes. However, people who are disabled but not disabled enough to qualify for SSI will be able to secure health insurance coverage through Medi-Cal. |

^{*} does not include ORSA, Ability to Pay (ATP) program, or Pre-Pay Program.