

A Parent's Guide to Medi-Cal Referral

A Program for
Children Served
by GGRC

Institutional Deeming or "Deeming" is part of the Home and Community Services Waiver that is a Federal program designed to provide supports for disabled individuals living in the community. Even though the term "Institutional" is used, it has nothing to do with placing children in institutions; that is just the Federal title of this program. The primary purpose of "Deeming" a child is to enable him or her to apply for Medi-Cal without having to consider the parent's income. In addition to receiving Medi-Cal, when a child is Deemed, the Family Cost Participation Fee (FCPP) and the Annual Family Program Fee (AFPF) are waived.

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Eligibility Requirements

Before GGRC can refer a child to Medi-Cal through Deeming, s/he must first meet all the eligibility requirements for the Deeming Program. Those requirements are:

1. The child must be less than 21 years of age
2. The child must be identified as "Active" or "Status 2" within the Regional Center System because of a diagnosed developmental disability as defined in Lanterman legislation. (Note: most children in the Early Start Program are usually "Status 1")
3. The child must have a Social Security number and be legally documented.
4. The child must be authorized for and use a GGRC service annually that is approved by the Deeming program. (Note: for a list of possible services, check with your Social Worker.)
5. The child must have at least two conditions from the examples below to qualify for the Deeming program:
 - **Medical domain:** Examples are G-tubes, seizure disorder requiring medications, and conditions requiring PT or Nursing Services.
 - **Self-Care Domain:** Examples are delays in Eating, Toileting, and Dressing
 - **Behavioral Domain:** Examples are Emotional Outbursts, Running Away, and Safety Awareness.
6. The parent or guardian must sign a Consumer Choice Statement. This document is a simple statement which means that the parents are electing to go onto the Deeming program.
7. The parent must sign the Parent Letter of Understanding. This informs the parent of the requirement to use a service every year to remain eligible for the program.
8. After being referred to Medi-Cal by GGRC, the parent must apply for and obtain a Deeming Medi-Cal number for their child. The parent must complete a Medi-Cal re-determination application for their child annually to maintain an active Medi-Cal number.
9. Every individual who is on the Waiver is reviewed for eligibility every year at the time of Recertification. The child must have an active Medi-Cal number, use a billable service every year, and continue to have qualifying conditions to remain on the Waiver.

HOW DOES THE FAMILY APPLY FOR DEEMING AND MEDI-CAL?

Your GGRC Social Worker can explain the referral and application process. Please be aware that GGRC and the Medi-Cal office are separate systems. The actual Medi-Cal application and Medi-Cal benefits will be administered by the Medi-Cal office.

QUESTIONS?

Contact your child's social worker
at Golden Gate Regional Center for further information.

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