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California Family PACT Still Faces Uncertainty

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has called for yet another two-week extension for California's Family Pact (FPACT) program, which provides comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services for hundreds of thousands of Californians. The two-week extension from the feds has been ongoing for nearly two years – leaving the fate of the program in constant uncertainty. While services for Californians in need will continue during this extension period, what happens next remains to be seen.

The California Department of Health Services (DHS) is in current negotiations with CMS in an effort to lift the extension and delay any further restrictions that could put FPACT services in jeopardy, including new requirements and conditions around citizenship documentation and income. A final determination is expected prior to November 15, 2008 – the end of the two-week extension period.

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