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Women and Infants Enrollment UPDATES

New AIM application available - but only on-line for now.
Eliminates unconstitutional six-month residency requirement.

A NEW Access for Infants and Mothers (AIM) application form has just been made available to the public in English on-line at the AIM website:

The new application is also now posted in English at the AIM website: [Click Here!](#)

The new application posted on-line does NOT include the requirement that women live in California for six months prior to applying, called the "six-month residency requirement".

➤ A woman does not have to declare that she has lived in California for at least six months before applying for AIM anymore. The court in *MCHA v. MRMIB* ruled in December, 2008 that the six-month requirement is unconstitutional.

➤ Women must still be residents of California to qualify for AIM.

○ A California resident is a person who is physically present in California and has the intent to remain here either permanently or indefinitely.

Unfortunately, the Spanish and Chinese translations of the new application are not expected to be available until the middle or end of March 2009.

We don't know yet when the hard copies of the new AIM application in any language will be available from AIM's toll free number (1-800-433-2611). Under the Court's order, the new hard copies are supposed to be available from AIM immediately. MCHA will do another update when we find out. Staff who answer AIM's phone lines have been instructed NOT to say that AIM has a six-month residency requirement.

➤ Please let MCHA know right away if you find the wrong verbal instructions or written application forms are being given out by AIM in any language.

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