

The Lopez Family
San Joaquin County



Pictured (clockwise from top right): Silvia Lopez with her children, Emmanuel, Maria and Miriam

Sylvia Lopez knows all too well the struggle of not having health insurance for her children. Before receiving coverage with the help of the San Joaquin County Children's Health Initiative (CHI), Sylvia's three children – Miriam (age 12), Emmanuel (9) and Maria (4) -- would lay awake at night with toothaches.

Unable to afford the cost of treatment, Sylvia would try home remedies to alleviate their dental pain and she would keep her children home from school hoping the pain would soon go away. Likewise, whenever her children got sick, Sylvia could not afford to seek prompt treatment for their illnesses.

That all changed three years ago when the San Joaquin County CHI helped enroll Miriam and Emmanuel into the Healthy Families program, and

Maria into the Healthy Kids program. The Lopez children are now able to receive all their school-required immunizations in a timely manner and they have missed fewer school days due to illnesses.

Sylvia is grateful for the coverage her children receive through Healthy Families and Healthy Kids, especially because they now have access to routine dental and medical care. Should her children get sick, Sylvia will no longer need to forego treatment for fear of not knowing where to go or how much it will cost.