

Medicaid And The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Offer Free Or Low-Cost Health Coverage To Children And Families

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, you can contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or **www.insurekidsnow.gov** to find out how to apply. If you qualify, you can ask the State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, your employer's health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer's plan. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.

If you live in one of the following States, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	INDIANA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.medicaid.state.al.us/	Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm
Phone: 1-800-362-1504	Phone: 1-877-438-4479
ALASKA – Medicaid	IOWA – Medicaid
Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/	Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/
Phone: 1-888-804-6330	Phone: 1-888-346-9562
ARIZONA – CHIP	KANSAS – Medicaid
Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx	Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov
Phone: 602-417-5422	Phone: 1-800-635-2570
ARKANSAS – CHIP	KENTUCKY – Medicaid
Website: http://www.arkidsfirst.com/home.htm	Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm
Phone: 1-888-474-8275	Phone: 1-800-635-2570
CALIFORNIA – Medicaid	LOUISIANA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medical/Pages/default.aspx Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Website: http://www.dhh.state.la.us/offices/?ID=92 Phone: 1-888-342-6207

COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP	MAINE – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/	Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-221-3943	Phone: 1-800-321-5557
CHIP Website: http:// www.CHPplus.org	
CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-1991	
FLORIDA – Medicaid	MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml	Medicaid Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth
Phone: 1-866-762-2237	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-462-1120
	CHIP Website: http://www.mass.gov/eohhs
GEORGIA – Medicaid	Click on For Consumers, then Insurance (including Mass Health), then Additional Insurance and Assistance
Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/	Programs, then Children's Medical Security Plan
Click on Programs, then Medicaid	CHIP Phone: 1-800-841-2900
Phone: 1-800-869-1150	
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	MINNESOTA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov	Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/
CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov	Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance
CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588	Phone: 800-657-3739
MISSOURI – Medicaid	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm	Website: http://www.nc.gov
Phone: 573-751-3425	Phone: 919-855-4100
MONTANA – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website:	Website:
http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.s html	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/
Telephone: 1-800-362-8312	Phone: 1-800-755-2604
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm	Website: http://www.okhca.org/
Phone: 1-877-255-3092	Phone: 1-800-522-0310
NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP	OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/	Medicaid Website:
Medicaid Phone: 1-775-684-3676	http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/index.shtml
CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.state.nv.us/	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-359-9517
CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669	CHIP Website: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/app_benefits/
	ohp4u.shtml
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid Website: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/ MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm	CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-9517
Website: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/	CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-9517
Website: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/ MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm	CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-9517

NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ dmahs/clients/medicaid/	Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/ MedicalAssistance/
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561	Phone: 1-866-542-3015
CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710	Website: http://www.dhs.ri.gov/People/FamilieswithChildren/Health Care/RIteShare/tabid/212/Default.aspx
	Phone: 401-462-5300
NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP	SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website:	Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov
http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html	Phone: 1-888-549-0820
Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583	TENNESSEE – Medicaid
CHIP Website: http://www.insurenewmexico.state.nm.us/PAKHome.htm	Website: http://www.state.tn.us/tenncare/
CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583	Phone: 1-866-311-4287
NEW YORK – Medicaid	TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: http://www.newyorkhealth.gov/health_care/ medicaid/index.htm Phone: 718-557-1399	Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-252-8263
UTAH – Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-662-9651	Website: http://ihrsa/sites/DCS/COB/default.aspx Phone: 1-800-562-6136
VERMONT- Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://ovha.vermont.gov/	Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm
Telephone: 1-800-250-8427	Phone: 304-342-1604
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp- HIPP.htm	Website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/index.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924	WYOMING – Medicaid
CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/welcome.cfm CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647	Website: http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Telephone: 307-777-7531

For more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Employee Benefits Security Administration	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.dol.gov/ebsa	www.cms.hhs.gov
1-866-444-EBSA (3272)	1-877-267-2323, Ext. 61565