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. The following list of States is current as of July 31, 2011. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-800-362-1504	Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone (In state): 1-800-866-3513
ALASKA – Medicaid	Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943
Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/	CHIP Website: http://www.CHPplus.org
Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890	CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529	
ARIZONA – CHIP	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/
Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437 Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437	Phone: 1-877-357-3268
CALIFORNIA – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/ TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx	Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ Click on Programs, then Medicaid
Phone: 1-866-298-8443	Phone: 1-800-869-1150
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	MONTANA – Medicaid

Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov	Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/ clientindex.shtml
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588	Phone: 1-800-694-3084
CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov	1 Holic. 1-600-074-3064
CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588	
INDIANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa	Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm
Phone: 1-800-889-9948	Phone: 1-877-255-3092
IOWA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid
Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/	Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/
Phone: 1-888-346-9562	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
KANSAS – Medicaid	
Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/	
Phone: 1-800-792-4884	
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm	Website: www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/index.htm
Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Phone: 603-271-8183
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/
Phone: 1-888-695-2447	dmahs/clients/medicaid/
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MAINE – Medicaid	CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OIAS/public-assistance/index.html	CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
Phone: 1-800-572-3839	
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth	Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-462-1120	Phone: 1-800-541-2831
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/	Website: http://www.nc.gov
Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance	Phone: 919-855-4100
Phone (Outside of Twin City area): 800-657-3739	
Phone (Twin City area): 651-431-2670	
MISSOURI – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website:	Website:
http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/
Phone: 573-751-2005	Phone: 1-800-755-2604
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	VERMONT– Medicaid

Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/
Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Phone: 1-800-250-8427
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.oregon.gov/OHA/OPHP/FHIAP/index.shtml Phone: 1-888-564-9669	Medicaid Website: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp Phone: 1-800-692-7462	Website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: www.dhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300	Website: www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ Phone: 304-558-1700
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
TEXAS – Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Website: http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Phone: 307-777-7531
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	
Website: http://health.utah.gov/upp Phone: 1-866-435-7414	

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2011, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration www.dol.gov/ebsa 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services www.cms.hhs.gov 1-877-267-2323, Ext. 61565

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