

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 January 22, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility.

ALABAMA – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Web site: www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-800-362-1504	Web site: www.dhcs.ca.gov/Pages/default.aspx Phone: 1-800-635-2570
ALASKA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP
Web site: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890 Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529	Medicaid Web site: www.colorado.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-866-3513 CHIP Web site: http:// www.CHPplus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
ARIZONA – CHIP	
Web site: www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone: 602-417-5422	
ARKANSAS – CHIP	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Web site: www.arkidsfirst.com Phone: 1-888-474-8275	Web site: www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml Phone: 1-866-762-2237
GEORGIA – Medicaid	MONTANA – Medicaid
Web site: http://dch.georgia.gov Click on Programs, then Medicaid Phone: 1-800-869-1150	Web site: http://medicaidprovider.bhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Telephone: 1-800-694-3084

IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Medicaid Web site: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov Medicaid Phone: 208-334-5747 CHIP Web site: www.medicaid.idaho.gov CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588	Web site: www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm Phone: 1-877-255-3092
INDIANA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP
Web site: www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm Phone: 1-877-438-4479	Medicaid Web site: http://dwss.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900 CHIP Web site: www.nevadacheckup.nv.org CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669
IOWA – Medicaid	
Web site: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp Phone: 1-888-346-9562	
KANSAS – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Web site: https://www.khpa.ks.gov Kansas Health Insurance Premium Payment System (HIPPS): 1-800-967-4660	Web site: www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm Phone: 1-800-852-3345 x 5254
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Web site: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Medicaid Web site: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Web site: www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	
Web site: www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=92 Phone: 1-888-342-0555	
MAINE – Medicaid	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP
Web site: www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms Phone: 1-800-321-5557	Medicaid Web site: www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583 CHIP Web site: www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html - Click on Insure New Mexico CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid & CHIP Web site: www.mass.gov/MassHealth Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-800-462-1120	
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Web site: www.dhs.state.mn.us Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone: 800-657-3739	Web site: www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid Phone: 1-800-541-2831
MISSOURI – Medicaid	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Web site: www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm Phone: 573-751-6944	Web site: www.nc.gov Phone: 919-855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid
Web site: www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid Phone: 1-800-755-2604	Web site: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid Phone: 1-866-435-7414

OKLAHOMA – Medicaid	VERMONT– Medicaid
Web site: www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Web site: http://ovha.vermont.gov Telephone: 1-800-250-8427
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Web site: www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/index.shtml Medicaid Phone: 1-800-359-9517 CHIP Web site: www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/app_benefits/ohp4u.shtml CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-9517	Medicaid Web site: www.famis.org Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Web site: www.famis.org CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Web site: www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm Phone: 1-800-644-7730	Web site: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/SummaryOfServices.htm Phone: 1-800-562-6136
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Web site: www.dhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300	Web site: www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm Phone: 304-342-1604
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Web site: www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Web site: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
TEXAS – Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Web site: https://www.gethipptexas.com Phone: 1-800-440-0493	Web site: www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Telephone: 307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since January 22, 2010, 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)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
1-877-267-2323, Ext. 61565

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