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 February 16, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-800-362-1504	Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/ TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx
	Phone: 1-866-298-8443
ALASKA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890 Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529 ARIZONA – CHIP Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone: 602-417-5422	Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-866-3513 CHIP Website: http:// www.CHPplus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
ARKANSAS – CHIP	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.arkidsfirst.com/	Website: http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml
Phone: 1-888-474-8275	Phone: 1-866-762-2237

GEORGIA – Medicaid	MONTANA – Medicaid
Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/	Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/
Click on Programs, then Medicaid	clientindex.shtml
Phone: 1-800-869-1150	Telephone: 1-800-694-3084
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov	Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm
Medicaid Phone: 208-334-5747	Phone: 1-877-255-3092
CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov	
CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588	
INDIANA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm	Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/
Phone: 1-877-438-4479	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
IOWA – Medicaid	CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/
Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/	CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669
Phone: 1-888-346-9562	
KANSAS – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov	Website: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/
Phone: 785-296-3981	MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm
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KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html
Website: www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=92	CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
Phone: 1-888-342-0555	
MAINE – Medicaid	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/	Medicaid Website:
Phone: 1-800-321-5557	http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	
Medicaid & CHIP Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth	CHIP Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Click on Insure New Mexico
Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-800-462-1120	CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/	Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/
Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance	medicaid/
Phone: 800-657-3739	Phone: 1-800-541-2831
MISSOURI – Medicaid	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm	Website: http://www.nc.gov
Phone: 573-751-6944	Phone: 919-855-4100

NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid
Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604	Website: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/ Phone: 1-866-435-7414
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid	VERMONT – Medicaid
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org	Website: http://ovha.vermont.gov/
Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Telephone: 1-800-250-8427
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid Website: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/index.shtml Medicaid Phone: 1-800-359-9517 CHIP Website: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/app_benefits/ohp4u.shtml	Medicaid Website: http://www.famis.org/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647
CHIP Phone: 1-800-359-9517	
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassista nce/doingbusiness/003670053.htm Phone: 1-800-644-7730	Website: http://ihrsa/sites/DCS/COB/default.aspx Phone: 1-800-562-6136
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: www.dhs.ri.gov	Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm
Phone: 401-462-5300	Phone: 304-342-1604
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/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 Telephone: 307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since February 16, 2010, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration <u>www.dol.gov/ebsa</u> 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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