

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you’re eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, 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, 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, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren’t already enrolled. This is called a “special enrollment” opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance**. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272).

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, 2014. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-855-692-5447	Website: https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com Phone: 1-877-357-3268
ALASKA – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid
Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890 Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529	Website: http://dch.georgia.gov - Click on Programs, then Medicaid, then Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Phone: 1-800-869-1150
ARIZONA – CHIP	INDIANA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437 Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437	Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa Phone: 1-800-889-9949
COLORADO – Medicaid	IOWA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov Medicaid Phone (In state): 1-800-866-3513 Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943	Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp Phone: 1-888-346-9562

KANSAS – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf Phone: 1-800-792-4884	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/Medicaid Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW YORK – Medicaid
Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid Phone: 1-800-541-2831
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov Phone: 1-888-695-2447	Website: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma Phone: 919-855-4100
MAINE – Medicaid	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html Phone: 1-800-977-6740 TTY 1-800-977-6741	Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid Phone: 1-800-755-2604
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Phone: 1-800-462-1120	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	OREGON – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone: 1-800-657-3629	Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov http://www.hijossaludablesoregon.gov Phone: 1-800-699-9075
MISSOURI – Medicaid	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005	Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp Phone: 1-800-692-7462
MONTANA – Medicaid	RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid
Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Phone: 1-800-694-3084	Website: www.ohhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov Phone: 1-855-632-7633	Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820
NEVADA – Medicaid	SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900	Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oi/documents/hippapp.pdf Phone: 603-271-5218	Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com Phone: 1-800-440-0493

UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://health.utah.gov/upp Phone: 1-866-435-7414	Website: www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms Phone: 1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability
VERMONT– Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org Phone: 1-800-250-8427	Website: http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	WYOMING – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282	Website: http://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/equalitycare Phone: 307-777-7531
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	
Website: http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/premiumpymt/pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473	

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2014, or for more information on special enrollment rights, 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.gov
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565