

**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 –

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| 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 Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943 |
| ALASKA – Medicaid | CHIP Website: http:// www.CHPlus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243 |
| 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 | FLORIDA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437 Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437 | Website: https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/ Phone: 1-877-357-3268 |
| CALIFORNIA – Medicaid | GEORGIA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx Phone: 1-866-298-8443 | Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ Click on Programs, then Medicaid Phone: 1-800-869-1150 |

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| IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP | MONTANA – Medicaid |
| Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588 CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588 | Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Phone: 1-800-694-3084 |
| INDIANA – Medicaid | NEBRASKA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa Phone: 1-800-889-9948 | Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm Phone: 1-877-255-3092 |
| IOWA – Medicaid | NEVADA – Medicaid |
| Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ Phone: 1-888-346-9562 | Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ 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 Phone: 1-800-635-2570 | Website: www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/index.htm Phone: 603-271-8183 |
| LOUISIANA – Medicaid | NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP |
| Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov Phone: 1-888-695-2447 | Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710 |
| MAINE – Medicaid | |
| Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OIAS/public-assistance/index.html Phone: 1-800-572-3839 | |
| MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP | NEW YORK – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Phone: 1-800-462-1120 | Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831 |
| MINNESOTA – Medicaid | NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone (Outside of Twin City area): 800-657-3739 Phone (Twin City area): 651-431-2670 | Website: http://www.nc.gov Phone: 919-855-4100 |
| MISSOURI – Medicaid | NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid |
| Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm Phone: 573-751-2005 | Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604 |
| OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP | VERMONT – Medicaid |

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| Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742 | Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ 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.shtml 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)

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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