## 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 31, 2011. 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	Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone (In state): 1-800-866-3513 Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943
ARIZONA – CHIP	CHIP Website: http://www.CHPplus.org
Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437 Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437	CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
ARKANSAS – CHIP	FLORIDA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.arkidsfirst.com/ Phone: 1-888-474-8275	Website: http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid	MISSOURI – Medicaid
Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/	Website:
Click on Programs, then Medicaid	http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm
Phone: 1-800-869-1150	Phone: 573-751-2005
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	MONTANA – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov	Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588	clientindex.shtml
CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov	Phone: 1-800-694-3084
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 and CHIP
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	CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/
Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov	CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669
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: 603-271-4238
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov Phone: 1-888-342-6207	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/
Priorie: 1-888-342-0207	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561
MAINE – Medicaid	CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OIAS/public-	CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
assistance/index.html	
Phone: 1-800-321-5557	
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP
Medicaid & CHIP Website:	Medicaid Website:
http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-800-462-1120	http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583
	CHIP Website:
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/	Click on Insure New Mexico
Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance	CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583
Phone (Outside of Twin City area): 800-657-3739	
Phone (Twin City area): 651-431-2670	

NEW YORK – Medicaid	TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/	Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/
Phone: 1-800-541-2831	Phone: 1-800-440-0493
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid
Website: http://www.nc.gov	Website: http://health.utah.gov/upp
Phone: 919-855-4100	Phone: 1-866-435-7414
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	VERMONT – Medicaid
Website:	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/
http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/	Phone: 1-800-250-8427
Phone: 1-800-755-2604	
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Medicaid Website: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm
Filolic. 1-600-303-3742	Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924
	CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/
	CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Medicaid & CHIP Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov	Website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm
Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-877-314-5678	Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassista nce/doingbusiness/003670053.htm Phone: 1-800-644-7730	Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm Phone: 304-342-1604
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: www.dhs.ri.gov	Website: http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm
Phone: 401-462-5300	Phone: 1-800-362-3002
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WYOMING – Medicaid
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Phone: 307-777-7531

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

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration <a href="https://www.dol.gov/ebsa"><u>www.dol.gov/ebsa</u></a>

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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