

**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 November 3, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid Website: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-800-362-1504	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid Website: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx Phone: 1-866-298-8443
ALASKA – Medicaid Website: http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890 Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529	COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone (In state): 1-800-866-3513 Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943 CHIP Website: http://www.CHIPplus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
ARIZONA – CHIP Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone (In state): 1-877-764-5437	
ARKANSAS – CHIP Website: http://www.arkidsfirst.com/ Phone: 1-888-474-8275	FLORIDA – Medicaid Website: http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml Phone: 1-866-762-223
GEORGIA – Medicaid Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ Click on Programs, then Medicaid Phone: 1-800-869-1150	MONTANA – Medicaid Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Telephone: 1-800-694-3084
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website: www.accessohealthinsurance.idaho.gov Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588 CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588	NEBRASKA – Medicaid Website: http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm Phone: 1-877-255-3092
INDIANA – Medicaid Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm Phone: 1-877-438-4479	NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900 CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669
IOWA – Medicaid Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ Phone: 1-888-346-9562	
KANSAS – Medicaid Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov Phone: 800-766-9012	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid Website: www.dhhs.nh.gov/omb/index.htm Phone: 603-271-4238
KENTUCKY – Medicaid Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP 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
LOUISIANA – Medicaid Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov Phone: 1-888-342-6207	
MAINE – Medicaid Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/ Phone: 1-800-321-5557	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583 CHIP Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Click on Insure New MexicoCHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid & CHIP Website: http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-800-462-1120	
MINNESOTA – 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	NEW YORK – Medicaid Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831
MISSOURI – Medicaid Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm Phone: 573-751-694	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: http://www.nc.gov Phone: 919-855-410
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalsev/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604	UTAH – Medicaid Website: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/ Phone: 1-866-435-7414
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	VERMONT – Medicaid Website: http://ovha.vermont.gov/ Telephone: 1-800-250-8427
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid & CHIP Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov Medicaid & CHIP Phone: 1-877-314-5678	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP 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 Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm Phone: 1-800-644-7730	WASHINGTON – Medicaid Website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid Website: www.dhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm Phone: 304-342-1604
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	WISCONSIN – Medicaid Website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
TEXAS – Medicaid Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	WYOMING – Medicaid 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 November 3, 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)
OMB Control Number 1210-0137 (expires 09/30/2013)

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