

**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 September 1, 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 :1-888-318-8890	Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-866-3513
ARIZONA – CHIP	CHIP Website: http:// www.CHPplus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx Phone: 1-877-764-5437	
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: 1-866-762-2237
GEORGIA – Medicaid	MONTANA – Medicaid
Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/ Phone: 1-800-869-1150	Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml Telephone: 1-800-694-3084
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	NEBRASKA – 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://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm Phone: 1-877-255-3092
INDIANA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm Phone: 1-877-438-4479	Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
IOWA – Medicaid	CHIP Website: http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669
Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ Phone: 1-888-346-9562	

KANSAS – Medicaid	NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid
Website: https://www.khpa.ks.gov Phone: 800-766-9012	Website: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm Phone: 1-800-852-3345 x 5254
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-356-1561
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
Website: http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov Phone: 1-888-342-6207	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP
MAINE – Medicaid	Medicaid Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid Phone: 1-888-997-2583
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/ Phone: 1-800-321-5557	CHIP Website: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-888-997-2583
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/ Phone :800-657-3739	Website: http://www.nc.gov Phone: 919-855-4100
MISSOURI – Medicaid	UTAH – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm Phone: 573-751-6944	Website: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/ Phone: 1-866-435-7414
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	VERMONT – Medicaid
Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-755-2604	Website: http://ovha.vermont.gov/ Telephone: 1-800-250-8427
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 Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	CHIP Website: http://www.famis.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647
Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov Phone: 1-877-314-5678	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	Website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm Phone: 1-877-543-7669
Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm Phone: 1-800-644-7730	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	Website: http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm Phone: 304-342-1604
Website: www.dhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	Website: http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm Phone: 1-800-362-3002
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	WYOMING – Medicaid
TEXAS – Medicaid	Website: http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html Telephone: 307-777-7531
Website: https://www.gethipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493	

To see if any States have added a premium assistance program since September 1, 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)

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