

## 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 **877.KIDS.NOW (877.543.7669)** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://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 April 16, 2010. You should contact your state for further information on eligibility.**

State	Program	Contact Information (Website; Phone)
Alabama	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov">www.medicaid.alabama.gov</a> ; 800.362.1504
Alaska	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/">www.health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/</a> ; (Outside of Anchorage) 888.318.8890; (Anchorage) 907.269.6529
Arizona	CHIP	<a href="http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx">www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx</a> ; 877.764.5437
Arkansas	CHIP	<a href="http://www.arkidsfirst.com/">www.arkidsfirst.com/</a> ; 888.474.8275
California	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx">www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx</a> ; 866.298.8443
Colorado	Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.colorado.gov/">www.colorado.gov/</a> ; 800.866.3513 CHIP: <a href="http://www.CHPplus.org">www.CHPplus.org</a> ; 303.866.3243
Florida	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml">www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml</a> ; 866.762.2237
Georgia	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dch.georgia.gov/">www.dch.georgia.gov/</a> (Click on Programs, then Medicaid); 800.869.1150
Idaho	Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov">www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov</a> ; 800.926.2588 CHIP: <a href="http://www.medicaid.idaho.gov">www.medicaid.idaho.gov</a> ; 800.926.2588

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Indiana	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm">www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm</a> ; 877.438.4479
Iowa	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/">www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/</a> ; 888.346.9562
Kansas	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.khpa.ks.gov">www.khpa.ks.gov</a> ; 800.766.9012
Kentucky	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm">www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm</a> ; 800.635.2570
Louisiana	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.la.hipp.dhh.louisiana.gov">www.la.hipp.dhh.louisiana.gov</a> ; 888.342.6207
Maine	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/">www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/</a> ; 800.321.5557
Massachusetts	Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth">www.mass.gov/MassHealth</a> ; 800.462.1120
Minnesota	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/">www.dhs.state.mn.us/</a> (Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance); 800.657.3739
Missouri	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm">www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm</a> ; 573.751.6944
Montana	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.medicaprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml">www.medicaprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml</a> ; 800.694.3084
Nebraska	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm">www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm</a> ; 877.255.3092
Nevada	Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.dwss.nv.gov/">www.dwss.nv.gov/</a> ; 800.992.0900 CHIP: <a href="http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/">www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/</a> ; 877.543.7669
New Hampshire	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm">www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm</a> ; 800.852.3345 x5254
New Jersey	Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a> ; 800-356-1561 CHIP: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a> ; 800.701.0710
New Mexico	Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html">www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html</a> ; 888.997.2583 CHIP: <a href="http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html">www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html</a> (Click on Insure New Mexico); 888.997.2583
New York	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/">www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a> ; 800.541.2831
North Carolina	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.nc.gov">www.nc.gov</a> ; 919.855.4100
North Dakota	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a> ; 800.755.2604
Oklahoma	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">www.insureoklahoma.org</a> ; 888.365.3742
Oregon	Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov">www.oregonhealthykids.gov</a> ; 877.314.5678
Pennsylvania	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm">www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm</a> ; 800.644.7730
Rhode Island	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhs.ri.gov">www.dhs.ri.gov</a> ; 401.462.5300

State	Program	Contact Information (Website; Phone)
South Carolina	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.scdhhs.gov">www.scdhhs.gov</a> ; 888.549.0820
Texas	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.gethipptexas.com/">www.gethipptexas.com/</a> ; 800.440.0493
Utah	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.health.utah.gov/medicaid/">www.health.utah.gov/medicaid/</a> ; 866.435.7414
Vermont	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.ovha.vermont.gov/">www.ovha.vermont.gov/</a> ; 800.250.8427
Virginia	Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm">www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm</a> ; 800.432.5924 CHIP: <a href="http://www.famis.org/">www.famis.org/</a> ; 866.873.2647
Washington	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm">www.hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm</a> 877.543.7669
West Virginia	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm">www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm</a> ; 304.342.1604
Wisconsin	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm">www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm</a> ; 800.362.3002
Wyoming	Medicaid	<a href="http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html">www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html</a> ; 307.777.7531

To see if any more states have added a premium assistance program since April 16, 2010, or for more information on special enrollment rights, you can contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Employee Benefits Security Administration	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
<a href="http://www.dol.gov/ebsa">www.dol.gov/ebsa</a>	<a href="http://www.cms.hhs.gov">www.cms.hhs.gov</a>
866.444.EBSA (3272)	877.267.2323, Ext. 61565