

[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, 2012. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid	COLORADO – Medicaid
Website: http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov Phone: 1-855-692-5447	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	
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

<p>Website: http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants</p> <p>Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437</p> <p>Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437</p>	<p>Website: https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com</p> <p>Phone: 1-877-357-3268</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">GEORGIA – Medicaid</p> <hr/> <p>Website: http://dch.georgia.gov/</p> <p>Click on Programs, then Medicaid</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-869-1150</p>
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	MONTANA – Medicaid
<p>Medicaid Website: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov</p> <p>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588</p> <p>CHIP Website: www.medicaid.idaho.gov</p> <p>CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588</p>	<p>Website: http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-694-3084</p>
INDIANA – Medicaid	NEBRASKA – Medicaid
<p>Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-889-9948</p>	<p>Website: http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_kidsconx.aspx</p> <p>Phone: 1-877-255-3092</p>
IOWA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid
<p>Website: www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/</p> <p>Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>	<p>Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/</p> <p>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900</p>
KANSAS – Medicaid	
<p>Website: http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-792-4884</p>	

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: 603-271-5218
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
MAINE – Medicaid	CHIP Website:
Website: http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/OIAS/public-assistance/index.html Phone: 1-800-572-3839	http://www.nifamilycare.org/index.html CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
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 and CHIP
Website: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance Phone: 1-800-657-3629	Website: http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma 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	UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742	Website: http://health.utah.gov/upp Phone: 1-866-435-7414
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	VERMONT– Medicaid
Website: http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov http://www.hijosaludablesoregon.gov Phone: 1-877-314-5678	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp Phone: 1-800-692-7462	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
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Website: www.ohhs.ri.gov Phone: 401-462-5300	Website: http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820	Website: www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/ Phone: 1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	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://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/equalitycare Phone: 307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2012, 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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