

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 Children’s Health Insurance Program (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 may contact your state Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available. If you or your children are not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you will not be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace. For more information, visit www.healthcare.gov.

If you or your dependents are not currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you believe you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either program, you can find more information and learn how to apply by:

- contacting your state Medicaid or CHIP office,
- calling **877-KIDS-NOW (877-543-7669)**, or
- going online to www.insurekidsnow.gov.

If you qualify, you may ask your 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 health plan 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; you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.** If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, you can contact the Department of Labor electronically at www.askebsa.doc.gov or by calling toll-free at **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. (This list of states is current as of July 31, 2018.) **Please contact your state for further information on eligibility.**

State	Phone Number	Website
Alabama (Medicaid)	1-855-692-5447	www.myalhipp.com
Alaska (Medicaid)	1-866-251-4861	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakhipp.com/ Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx
Arkansas (Medicaid)	1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	http://www.myarhipp.com
Colorado – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) (Medicaid)	Health First Colorado Member Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711	Health First Colorado Website: https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/ CHP+: Colorado.gov/HCPF/Child-Health-Plan-Plus

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State	Phone Number	Website
Florida (Medicaid)	1-877-357-3268	http://flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/
Georgia (Medicaid)	1-404-656-4507	http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid Click on Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)
Indiana (Medicaid)	1-877-438-4479 1-800-403-0864	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64: http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/ All other Medicaid: www.indianamedicaid.com
Iowa (Medicaid)	1-800-257-8563	http://dhs.iowa.gov/hawk-i
Kansas (Medicaid)	1-785-296-3512	http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/
Kentucky (Medicaid)	1-800-635-2570	http://www.chfs.ky.gov
Louisiana (Medicaid)	1-888-695-2447	http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331
Maine (Medicaid)	1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711	http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html
Massachusetts (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid and CHIP: 1-800-862-4840	http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/
Minnesota (Medicaid)	1-800-657-3739	http://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/medical-assistance.jsp
Missouri (Medicaid)	1-573-751-2005	http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm
Montana (Medicaid)	1-800-694-3084	http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP
Nebraska (Medicaid)	1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 1-402-473-7000 Omaha: 1-402-595-1178	http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov
Nevada (Medicaid)	1-800-992-0900	http://dhcfp.nv.gov
New Hampshire (Medicaid)	1-603-271-5218 Hotline: NH Medicaid Service Center at 1-888-901-4999	https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/nhhpp/
New Jersey (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid: 1-609-631-2392 CHIP: 1-800-701-0710	Medicaid: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ CHIP: http://www.nifamilycare.org/index.html
New York (Medicaid)	1-800-541-2831	http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/
North Carolina (Medicaid)	1-919-855-4100	https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/
North Dakota (Medicaid)	1-844-854-4825	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/
Oklahoma (Medicaid and CHIP)	1-888-365-3742	http://www.insureoklahoma.org
Oregon (Medicaid)	1-800-699-9075	http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html
Pennsylvania (Medicaid)	1-800-692-7462	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm
Rhode Island (Medicaid)	1-855-697-4347	http://www.eohhs.ri.gov
South Carolina (Medicaid)	1-888-549-0820	https://www.scdhhs.gov
South Dakota (Medicaid)	1-888-828-0059	http://dss.sd.gov

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Texas (Medicaid)	1-800-440-0493	http://gethipptexas.com/
Utah (Medicaid and CHIP)	1-877-543-7669	Medicaid: https://medicaid.utah.gov/ CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip
Vermont (Medicaid)	1-800-250-8427	http://www.greenmountaincare.org/
Virginia (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP: 1-855-242-8282	Medicaid: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm CHIP: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm
Washington (Medicaid)	1-800-562-3022, ext. 15473	http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program
West Virginia (Medicaid)	1-855-699-8447	http://mywvhipp.com/
Wisconsin (Medicaid & CHIP)	1-800-362-3002	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf
Wyoming (Medicaid)	1-307-777-7531	http://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/

To see if any more states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2018, or for more information on special enrollment rights, please contact either of these government agencies:

U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	1-866-444-EBSA (3272)	www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	1-877-267-2323, menu option 4, ext. 61565	www.cms.hhs.gov

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