

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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, 2024.) **Please contact your state for further information on eligibility.**

State	Phone Number	Website
Alabama (Medicaid)	1-855-692-5447	<a href="https://www.myalhipp.com/">https://www.myalhipp.com/</a>
Alaska (Medicaid)	1-866-251-4861	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a> Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a> Medicaid eligibility: <a href="https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx">https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Arkansas (Medicaid)	1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)	<a href="https://www.myarhipp.com/">https://www.myarhipp.com/</a>
California (Medicaid)	1-916-445-8322	Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program: <a href="http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp">http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp</a> Email: <a href="mailto:hipp@dhcs.ca.gov">hipp@dhcs.ca.gov</a>
Colorado – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) & Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)	<b>Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:</b> 1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711 <b>CHP+ Customer Service:</b> 1-800-359-1991/ State Relay 711 <b>HIBI Customer Service:</b> 1-855-692-6442	Health First Colorado Website: <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a>  CHP+: <a href="https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus">https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus</a>  Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI): <a href="https://www.mycohibi.com/">https://www.mycohibi.com/</a>

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<b>Florida</b> (Medicaid)	1-877-357-3268	<a href="https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html">https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html</a>
<b>Georgia</b> (Medicaid)	1-678-564-1162, Press 1	<a href="https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp">https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp</a>
<b>Indiana</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-457-4584	Health Insurance Premium Payment Program All other Medicaid <a href="https://www.in.gov/medicaid/">https://www.in.gov/medicaid/</a>
<b>Iowa</b> (Medicaid and CHIP "Hawki")	Medicaid: 1-800-338-8366 HIPP: 1-888-346-9562 Hawki: 1-800-257-8563	Medicaid: <a href="#">Iowa Medicaid   Health &amp; Human Services</a> HIPP: <a href="#">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)   Health &amp; Human Services (iowa.gov)</a> Hawki: <a href="#">Hawki - Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa   Health &amp; Human Services</a>
<b>Kansas</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-792-4884	<a href="https://www.kancare.ks.gov/">https://www.kancare.ks.gov/</a>
<b>Kentucky</b> (Medicaid)	1-855-459-6328  1-877-524-4718	Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP) Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx</a> Email: <a href="mailto:KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov">KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov</a> KCHIP Website: <a href="https://kynect.ky.gov">https://kynect.ky.gov</a> Kentucky Medicaid Website: <a href="https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms">https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms</a>
<b>Louisiana</b> (Medicaid)	1-888-342-6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 1-855-618-5488 (LaHIPP)	<a href="http://www.medicaid.la.gov">www.medicaid.la.gov</a> or <a href="http://www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp">www.ldh.la.gov/lahipp</a>
<b>Maine</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711  1-800-977-6740 TTY: Maine relay 711	Enrollment Website: <a href="https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US">https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US</a>  Private Health Insurance Premium Webpage: <a href="https://www.maine.gov/dhs/ofi/applications-forms">https://www.maine.gov/dhs/ofi/applications-forms</a>
<b>Massachusetts</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	1-800-862-4840 TTY: 711	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa">https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa</a>
<b>Minnesota</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-657-3739	<a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/">https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/</a>
<b>Missouri</b> (Medicaid)	1-573-751-2005	<a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a>
<b>Montana</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-694-3084	<a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a>
<b>Nebraska</b> (Medicaid)	1-855-632-7633 Lincoln: 1-402-473-7000 Omaha: 1-402-595-1178	<a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a>
<b>Nevada</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-992-0900	<a href="http://dhcfp.nv.gov">http://dhcfp.nv.gov</a>
<b>New Hampshire</b> (Medicaid)	1-603-271-5218 Toll free number for the HIPP program: 1-800-852-3345, ext. 5218	<a href="https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program">https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program</a>

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<b>New Jersey</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	<b>Medicaid:</b> 1-800-356-1561 <b>CHIP:</b> 1-800-701-0710 (TTY: 711)	<b>Medicaid:</b> <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a> <b>CHIP:</b> <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a>
<b>New York</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-541-2831	<a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a>
<b>North Carolina</b> (Medicaid)	1-919-855-4100	<a href="https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/">https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/</a>
<b>North Dakota</b> (Medicaid)	1-844-854-4825	<a href="https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare">https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare</a>
<b>Oklahoma</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	1-888-365-3742	<a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a>
<b>Oregon</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-699-9075	<a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a>
<b>Pennsylvania</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid: 1-800-692-7462 CHIP: 1-800-986-KIDS (5437)	<a href="https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicare-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html">https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicare-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html</a> CHIP: <a href="#">Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) (pa.gov)</a>
<b>Rhode Island</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	1-855-697-4347 or 401-462-0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)	<a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov</a>
<b>South Carolina</b> (Medicaid)	1-888-549-0820	<a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a>
<b>South Dakota</b> (Medicaid)	1-888-828-0059	<a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a>
<b>Texas</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-440-0493	<a href="#">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Texas Health and Human Services</a>
<b>Utah</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	1-888-222-2542	Medicaid: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a> CHIP: <a href="https://chip.utah.gov/">https://chip.utah.gov/</a>
<b>Vermont</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-250-8427	<a href="#">Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program   Department of Vermont Health Access</a>
<b>Virginia</b> (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid/CHIP: 1-800-432-5924	<a href="https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select">https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select</a> <a href="https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs">https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs</a>
<b>Washington</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-562-3022	<a href="http://www.hca.wa.gov/">http://www.hca.wa.gov/</a>
<b>West Virginia</b> (Medicaid & CHIP)	CHIP: 1-855-699-8447 Medicaid: 304-558-1700	<a href="http://mywhipp.com/">http://mywhipp.com/</a> <a href="https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a>
<b>Wisconsin</b> (Medicaid & CHIP)	1-800-362-3002	<a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm</a>
<b>Wyoming</b> (Medicaid)	1-800-251-1269	<a href="https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/">https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/</a>

To see if any more states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2024, or for more information on special enrollment rights, please contact either of these government agencies:

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

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