

Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University

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Medicaid & the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) 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** 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 April 16, 2010. You should contact your state for further information on eligibility.

State Program Contact Information (Website; Phone)

Alabama Medicaid www.medicaid.alabama.gov; 800.362.1504

Alaska Medicaid www.health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ ;

(Outside of Anchorage) 888.318.8890; (Anchorage) 907.269.6529

Arizona CHIP www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx; 877.764.5437

Arkansas CHIP www.arkidsfirst.com/ ; 888.474.8275

California Medicaid www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx ;
866.298.8443

Colorado Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.colorado.gov/ ; 800.866.3513

CHIP: www.CHPplus.org ; 303.866.3243

Florida Medicaid www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml ; 866.762.2237

Georgia Medicaid www.dch.georgia.gov/ (Click on Programs, then Medicaid); 800.869.1150

Idaho Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.accessstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov/;

800.926.2588 CHIP: www.medicaid.idaho.gov/; 800.926.2588

Indiana Medicaid www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm; 877.438.4479

Iowa Medicaid www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/; 888.346.9562

Kansas Medicaid www.khpa.ks.gov 800.766.9012

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Kentucky Medicaid www.chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm; 800.635.2570
Louisiana Medicaid www.la.hipp.dhh.louisiana.gov; 888.342.6207
Maine Medicaid www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/; 800.321.5557
Massachusetts Medicaid and CHIP www.mass.gov/MassHealth 800.462.1120
Minnesota Medicaid www.dhs.state.mn.us/ (Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance);
800.657.3739
Missouri Medicaid www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm; 573.751.6944
Montana Medicaid www.medicaprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml;
800.694.3084

State Program Contact Information (Website; Phone)

Nebraska Medicaid www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm; 877.255.3092
Nevada Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.dwss.nv.gov/; 800.992.0900
CHIP: www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/; 877.543.7669
New Hampshire Medicaid www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/MEDICAIDPROGRAM/default.Htm; 800.852.3345 x5254
New Jersey Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/Medicaid/; 800-356-1561
CHIP: www.njfamilycare.org/index.html; 800.701.0710
New Mexico Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html;
888.997.2583
CHIP: www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html (Click on Insure New Mexico); 888.997.2583
New York Medicaid www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/; 800.541.2831
North Carolina Medicaid www.nc.gov; 919.855.4100
North Dakota Medicaid www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/; 800.755.2604
Oklahoma Medicaid www.insureoklahoma.org 888.365.3742
Oregon Medicaid and CHIP www.oregonhealthykids.gov; 877.314.5678
Pennsylvania Medicaid www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm; 800.644.7730
Rhode Island Medicaid www.dhs.ri.gov; 401.462.5300
South Carolina Medicaid www.scdhhs.gov; 888.549.0820
Texas Medicaid www.gethipptexas.com/; 800.440.0493
Utah Medicaid www.health.utah.gov/medicaid/; 866.435.7414
Vermont Medicaid www.ovha.vermont.gov ; 800.250.8427
Virginia Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm; 800.432.5924
CHIP: www.famis.org/; 866.873.2647
Washington Medicaid www.hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtml; 877.543.7669
West Virginia Medicaid www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm; 304.342.1604
Wisconsin Medicaid www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm;
800.362.3002
Wyoming Medicaid www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html; 307.777.7531

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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.
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/ebsa
866.444.EBSA (3272)

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
877.267.2323, Ext. 61565