

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW

**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 March 3, 2010. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility –

ALABAMA – Medicaid http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov 1-800-362-1504	ALASKA – Medicaid http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/ Anchorage: 907-269-6529	ARIZONA – CHIP http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx 602-417-5422
ARKANSAS – CHIP http://www.arkidsfirst.com/ 1-888-474-8275	CALIFORNIA – Medicaid http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx 1-800-541-555	COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: http://www.colorado.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-866-3513 CHIP: http:// www.CHPplus.org CHIP Phone: 303-866-3243
FLORIDA – Medicaid http://www.fdhc.state.fl.us/Medicaid/index.shtml 1-866-762-2237	GEORGIA – Medicaid http://dch.georgia.gov/ Click on Programs, then Medicaid 1-800-869-1150	IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov Medicaid Phone: 208-334-5747 CHIP: www.medicaid.idaho.gov CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588
INDIANA – Medicaid http://www.in.gov/fssa/2408.htm 1-877-438-4479	IOWA – Medicaid www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/ 1-888-346-9562	KANSAS – Medicaid https://www.khpa.ks.gov 800-766-9012
KENTUCKY – Medicaid http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm 1-800-635-2570	LOUISIANA – Medicaid www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=92 1-888-342-6207	MAINE – Medicaid http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/oms/ 1-800-321-5557

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth 1-800-462-1120	MINNESOTA – Medicaid http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/ (Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance) 800-657-3739	MISSOURI – Medicaid http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/index.htm 573-751-6944
MONTANA – Medicaid http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml 1-800-694-3084	NEBRASKA – Medicaid http://www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm 1-877-255-3092	NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900 CHIP: http://www.nevadacheckup.nv.org/ CHIP Phone: 1-877-543-7669
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/ME/DICAIDPROGRAM/default.htm Phone: 1-800-852-3345 x 5254	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: http://www.state.nj.us/human services/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html CHIP: 1-800-701-0710	NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Medicaid: 1-888-997-2583 CHIP: http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html (Click on Insure New Mexico) CHIP: 1-888-997-2583
NEW YORK – Medicaid http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ 1-800-541-2831	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid http://www.nc.gov 919-855-4100	NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ 1-800-755-2604
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid http://www.insureoklahoma.org 1-888-365-3742	OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/index.shtml Medicaid: 1-800-359-9517 CHIP: http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/healthplan/app_benefits/ohp4u.shtml CHIP: 1-800-359-9517	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doingbusiness/003670053.htm 1-800-644-7730
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid www.dhs.ri.gov 401-462-5300	SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid http://www.scdhhs.gov 1-888-549-0820	TEXAS – Medicaid https://www.gethipptexas.com/ 1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid http://health.utah.gov/medicaid/ 1-801-538-6003 888-222-2542	VERMONT – Medicaid http://ovha.vermont.gov/ 1-800-250-8427	VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP Medicaid: http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm Medicaid: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP: http://www.famis.org/ CHIP: 1-866-873-2647
WASHINGTON – Medicaid http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtml 1-877-543-7669	WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid http://www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm 304-342-1604	WISCONSIN – Medicaid http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/publications/p-10095.htm 1-800-362-3002
WYOMING – Medicaid http://www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html 307-777-7531		

To see if more States have added a premium assistance program since March 3, 2010, 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