



The University of Texas System, as a group health plan sponsor, is providing the following notice to you in compliance with the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) which was signed into law on February 4, 2009. **If you or your dependent is covered or becomes covered under Medicaid or CHIP, you may be eligible for special enrollment rights as detailed below; otherwise, no further action is required.**

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, 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, 2011. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility.

STATE	WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER
ALABAMA – Medicaid	www.medicaid.alabama.gov	1-800-362-1504
ALASKA – Medicaid	http://health.bss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid	Outside of Anchorage: 1-888-318-8890 Anchorage: 907-269-6529
ARIZONA – CHIP	www.azabccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx	Outside of Maricopa County: 1-877-764-5437 Maricopa County: 602-417-5437
ARKANSAS – CHIP	www.arkidsfirst.com	1-888-474-8275
CALIFORNIA – Medicaid	www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/TPLRD_CAU_cont.aspx	1-866-298-8443
COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: www.colorado.gov CHIP: www.CHPplus.org	Medicaid (In state): 1-800-866-3513 Medicaid (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943 CHIP: 303-866-3243
FLORIDA – Medicaid	www.flbc.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 CHIP: www.medicaid.idaho.gov	Medicaid: 1-800-926-2588 CHIP: 1-800-926-2588
INDIANA – Medicaid	www.in.gov/fssa	1-800-889-9948
IOWA – Medicaid	www.dhs.state.ia.us/bipp	1-888-346-9562

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KANSAS – Medicaid	www.kbpa.ks.gov	1-800-792-4884
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm	1-800-635-2570
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	www.lahipp.dhb.louisiana.gov	1-888-342-6207
MAINE – Medicaid	www.maine.gov/dhhs/OLAS/public-assistance/index.html	1-800-321-5557
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid & CHIP: www.mass.gov/MassHealth	Medicaid & CHIP: 1-800-462-1120
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	www.dhs.state.mn.us Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance	Outside of Twin City area: 800-657-3739 Twin City area: 651-431-2670
MISSOURI – Medicaid	www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm	573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml	1-800-694-3084
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	www.dhhs.ne.gov/med/medindex.htm	1-877-255-3092
NEVADA – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: http://dwss.nv.gov CHIP: www.nevadacheckup.nv.org	Medicaid: 1-800-992-0900 CHIP: 1-877-543-7669
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	www.dhhs.nh.gov/ombp/index.htm	603-271-4238
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid CHIP: www.njfamilycare.org/index.html	Medicaid: 1-800-356-1561 CHIP: 1-800-701-0710
NEW MEXICO – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html CHIP: www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/index.html Click on Insure New Mexico	Medicaid: 1-888-997-2583 CHIP: 1-888-997-2583
NEW YORK – Medicaid	www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid	1-800-541-2831
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	www.nc.gov	919-855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/	1-800-755-2604
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid	www.insureoklahoma.org	1-888-365-3742
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid & CHIP: www.oregonhealthykids.gov	Medicaid & CHIP: 1-877-314-5678
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	www.dpw.state.pa.us/partnersproviders/medicalassistance/doing-business/003670053.htm	1-800-644-7730
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	www.dhs.ri.gov	401-462-5300
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	www.scdhhs.gov	1-888-549-0820
TEXAS – Medicaid	www.gethipptexas.com	1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid	http://health.utah.gov/upp	1-866-435-7414
VERMONT – Medicaid	www.greenmountaincare.org	1-800-250-8427
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm CHIP: www.famis.org	Medicaid: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP: 1-866-873-2647
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	http://brsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtml	1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid	www.wvrecovery.com/hipp.htm	304-342-1604
WISCONSIN – Medicaid	www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm	1-800-362-3002
WYOMING – Medicaid	www.health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/index.html	307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2011, 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