

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you are eligible for health coverage from your Employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. 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 already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, 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, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial 877-KIDS-NOW (877-543-7669) or visit www.insurekidsnow.gov to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your State if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an Employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your Dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your Employer plan, your Employer must allow you to enroll in your Employer plan if you are not already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call 866-444-EBSA (866-444-3272).

For more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

US Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
866-444-EBSA (866-444-3272)

US Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
877-267-2323, Option 4, Ext. 61565

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