

Special Notice: Government Assistance May Be Available to Help Pay Your Health Care Contributions

This notice is required to be distributed to participants in group health plans sponsored by Brazoria County. Please refer to the information in your Benefits Guide and Summary Plan Descriptions (SPDs) for more details about your benefits, including other required notices.

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're 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 aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't 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 and you live in a State listed below, 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 **1-877-KIDS NOW** or 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 aren't 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 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. The following list of States is current as of January 31, 2016. Contact your State for further information on eligibility.

To see if any more states have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2016, or for more information on special enrollment rights, 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, Menu Option 4, ext. 61565

State	Website	Phone
Alabama (Medicaid)	http://www.myalhipp.com	1-855-692-5447
Alaska (Medicaid)	http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/	Outside of Anchorage: 1-888-318-8890 Anchorage: 907-269-6529
Colorado (Medicaid)	http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf	1-800-221-3943
Florida (Medicaid)	https://www.flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/	1-877-357-3268
Georgia (Medicaid)	http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid (click on "Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)")	404-656-4507
Indiana (Medicaid)	Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64: http://www.hip.in.gov All other Medicaid: http://www.indianamedicaid.com	1-877-438-4479 1-800-403-0864
Iowa (Medicaid)	http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/	1-888-346-9562
Kansas (Medicaid)	http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/	1-785-296-3512
Kentucky (Medicaid)	http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm	1-800-635-2570
Louisiana (Medicaid)	http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331	1-888-695-2447
Maine (Medicaid)	http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/public-assistance/index.html	1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711
Massachusetts (Medicaid and CHIP)	http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth	1-800-462-1120
Minnesota (Medicaid)	http://mn.gov/dhs/ma/	1-800-657-3739
Missouri (Medicaid)	http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm	573-751-2005
Montana (Medicaid)	http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP	1-800-694-3084
Nebraska (Medicaid)	http://dhhs.ne.gov/Children_Family_Services/AccessNebraska/Pages/accessnebraska_index.aspx	1-855-632-7633
Nevada (Medicaid)	http://dwss.nv.gov/	1-800-992-0900
New Hampshire (Medicaid)	http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf	603-271-5218
New Jersey (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/ CHIP: http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html	Medicaid: 609-631-2392 CHIP: 1-800-701-0710
New York (Medicaid)	http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/	1-800-541-2831
North Carolina (Medicaid)	http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma	919-855-4100
North Dakota (Medicaid)	http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/	1-844-854-4825
Oklahoma (Medicaid and CHIP)	http://www.insureoklahoma.org	1-888-365-3742
Oregon (Medicaid)	http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov http://www.hijossaludablesoregon.gov	1-800-699-9075
Pennsylvania (Medicaid)	http://www.dhs.pa.gov/hipp	1-800-692-7462
Rhode Island (Medicaid)	http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/	401-462-5300
South Carolina (Medicaid)	http://www.scdhhs.gov	1-888-549-0820
South Dakota (Medicaid)	http://dss.sd.gov	1-888-828-0059
Texas (Medicaid)	http://www.gethipptexas.com/	1-800-440-0493
Utah (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid: http://health.utah.gov/medicaid CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip	1-877-543-7669
Vermont (Medicaid)	http://www.greenmountaincare.org/	1-800-250-8427
Virginia (Medicaid and CHIP)	Medicaid: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm CHIP: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm	Medicaid: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP: 1-855-242-8282
Washington (Medicaid)	http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/premiumpymt/pages/index.aspx	1-800-562-3022, Ext. 15473
West Virginia (Medicaid)	http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Medicaid%20Expansion/Pages/default.aspx	1-877-598-5820, HMS Third-Party Liability
Wisconsin (Medicaid and CHIP)	https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf	1-800-362-3002
Wyoming (Medicaid)	https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/	307-777-7531