

Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIP)

Effective **April 1, 2009**, employees and dependents that are eligible for healthcare coverage under the health plan, but are not enrolled, will be permitted to enroll in the plan if they lose eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP coverage or become eligible for a premium assistance subsidy under Medicaid or CHIP.

Individuals must request coverage under the plan within 60 days of the loss of Medicaid or CHIP coverage or the determination of eligibility for a premium assistance subsidy.

CHIPRA allows states to offer eligible low-income children and their families a premium assistance subsidy to help pay for employer-sponsored coverage. If this State offers a premium assistance subsidy, you will be notified in writing of the potential opportunities available for premium assistance in the plan year after model notices are issued.

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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. These States use funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for these programs, but also have access to health insurance through their employer. If you or your children are not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you will not be eligible for these premium assistance programs.

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, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must permit 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, you can contact the Department of Labor electronically at www.askebsa.dol.gov or by calling toll-free **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 July 31, 2013. You should contact your State for further information on eligibility:

ALABAMA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov>

Phone: 1-855-692-5447

ALASKA – Medicaid

Website: <http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/>

Phone (Outside of Anchorage): 1-888-318-8890

Phone (Anchorage): 907-269-6529

ARIZONA – CHIP

Website: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants>

Phone (Outside of Maricopa County): 1-877-764-5437

Phone (Maricopa County): 602-417-5437

COLORADO – Medicaid

Medicaid Website: <http://www.colorado.gov/>

Medicaid Phone (In state): 1-800-866-3513

Medicaid Phone (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943

FLORIDA – Medicaid

Website: <https://www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/>

Phone: 1-877-357-3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid

Website: <http://dch.georgia.gov/>

*Click on 'Programs', then 'Medicaid', then 'Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)'

Phone: 1-800-869-1150

IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid Website: <http://www.accesstohealthinsurance.idaho.gov/>

Medicaid Phone: 1-800-926-2588

CHIP Website: <http://www.medicaid.idaho.gov>

CHIP Phone: 1-800-926-2588

INDIANA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.in.gov/fssa>

Phone: 1-800-889-9949

IOWA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/>

Phone: 1-888-346-9562

KANSAS – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/>

Phone: 1-800-792-4884

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KENTUCKY – Medicaid

Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm>
Phone: 1-800-635-2570

LOUISIANA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.lchipp.dh.louisiana.gov>
Phone: 1-888-695-2447

MAINE – Medicaid

Website:
<http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofipublic-assistance/index.html>
Phone: 1-800-977-6740
TTY: 1-800-977-6741

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: <http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth>
Phone: 1-800-462-1120

MINNESOTA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/>
*Click on 'Health Care', then 'Medical Assistance'
Phone: 1-800-657-3629

MISSOURI – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm>
Phone: 573-751-2005

MONTANA – Medicaid

Website:
<http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml>
Telephone: 1-800-694-3084

NEBRASKA – Medicaid

Website: www.accessnebraska.ne.gov
Phone: 1-877-383-4278

NEVADA – Medicaid

Medicaid Website: <http://dwss.nv.gov/>
Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oil/documents/hippapp.pdf>
Phone: 1-603-271-5218

NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid Website:
<http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/>
Medicaid Phone: 1-609-631-2392
CHIP Website: <http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html>
CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710

NEW YORK – Medicaid

Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/
Phone: 1-800-541-2831

NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma>
Phone: 919-855-4100

NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medica/serv/medicaid/>
Phone: 1-800-755-2604

OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: <http://www.insureoklahoma.org>
Phone: 1-888-365-3742

OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: <http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov>
Website: <http://www.hiossaludablesoregon.gov>
Phone: 1-800-699-9075

PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp>
Phone: 1-800-692-7462

RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.ohhs.ri.gov/>
Phone: 401-462-5300

SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.scdhhs.gov>
Phone: 1-888-549-0820

SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dss.sd.gov>
Phone: 1-888-628-0059

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TEXAS – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.gethipptexas.org/>

Phone: 1-800-440-0493

UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP

Website: <http://health.utah.gov/upp>

Phone: 1-866-435-7414

VERMONT – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.greenmountaincare.org/>

Telephone: 1-800-250-8427

VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid Website: <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm>

Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924

CHIP Website: <http://www.famis.org/>

CHIP Phone: 1-866-873-2647

WASHINGTON – Medicaid

Website: <http://hrse.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpvt/Apply.shtm>

Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473

WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/lms/Pages/default.aspx>

Phone: 1-877-598-5820 (HMS Third Party Liability)

WISCONSIN – Medicaid

Website: <http://www.badoercareplus.org/pubs/p-10085.htm>

Phone: 1-800-362-3002

WYOMING – Medicaid

Website: <http://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/equalitycare>

Telephone: 307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2013, 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, Menu Option #4, Ext. 61565

Notice of Privacy Practices

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. THIS IS A REMINDER OF THE PRIVACY NOTICE YOU RECEIVED BY APRIL 18, 2010. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

Our Company's Pledge to You

This notice is intended to inform you of the privacy practices followed by the BCBS of Illinois (the Plan) and the Plan's legal obligations regarding your protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH). This notice has been drafted in accordance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule, contained in the Code of Federal Regulations of 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164. Terms not defined in this Notice have the same meaning as they have in the HIPAA Privacy Rule. The notice also explains the privacy rights you and your family members have as participants of the Plan. It is effective on 12/01/2013. [Note: the effective date may not be earlier than the date on which the privacy notice is printed or otherwise published.]

The Plan often needs access to your protected health information in order to provide payment for health services and perform plan administrative functions. We want to assure the plan participants covered under the Plan that we comply with Federal privacy laws and respect your right to privacy. KANKAKEE AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION requires all members of our workforce and third parties that are provided access to protected health information to comply with the privacy practices outlined below.

Protected Health Information

Your protected health information is protected by the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Generally, protected health information is information that identifies an individual created or received by a health care provider, health plan or an employer on behalf of a group health plan that relates to physical or mental health conditions, provision or health care, or payment for health care, whether past, present or future.

How We May Use Your Protected Health Information

Under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, we may use or disclose your protected health information for certain purposes without your permission. This section describes the ways we can use and disclose your protected health information:

Payment. We use or disclose your protected health information without your written authorization in order to determine eligibility for benefits, seek reimbursement from a third party, or coordinate benefits with another health plan under which you are covered. For example, a health care provider that provided treatment to you will provide us with your health information. We use that information in order to determine whether those services are eligible for payment under our group health plan.

Health Care Operations. We use and disclose your protected health information in order to perform plan administration functions such as quality assurance activities, resolution of internal grievances, and evaluating plan performance. For example, we review claims experience in order to understand participant utilization and to make plan design changes that are intended to control health care costs.

Treatment. Although the law allows use and disclosure of your protected health information for purposes of treatment, as a health plan we generally do not need to disclose your information for treatment purposes. Your physician or health care provider is required to provide you with an explanation of how they use and share your health information for purposes of treatment, payment, and health care operations.

As permitted or required by law. We may also use or disclose your protected health information without your written authorization for other reasons as permitted by law. We are permitted by law to share information, subject to certain requirements, in order to communicate information on health related benefits or services that may be of interest to you, response to a court order, or provide information to further public health activities (e.g. preventing the spread of disease) without your written authorization. We are also permitted to share protected health information during a corporate restructuring such as a merger, sale or acquisition. We will also disclose health information about you when required by law, for example, in order to prevent serious harm to you or others.