
CHIPRA Required Notice for Your Employees

President Obama signed into law the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) to extend and expand the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

GuideStone modified its procedures effective April 1, 2009, to comply with CHIPRA's requirement to add special enrollment rights for participants and their children when:

- There is a loss of coverage under Medicaid or CHIP or
- The employee or dependents become eligible under Medicaid or CHIP for state premium assistance to purchase coverage under the employer's group health plan.

Premium assistance programs use federal and state CHIP and Medicaid funds to help subsidize the purchase of group health coverage for children (and, in some circumstances, family members) who have access to employer-sponsored coverage but may need assistance in paying for their premiums.

What does this mean to employers?

CHIPRA requires that employers maintaining group health plans in states that provide medical assistance through either Medicaid or a CHIP program must provide a notice to employees to inform them of the potential opportunities for premium assistance in their state.

The attached notice is provided by the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration. You should also check with your state Medicaid or CHIP program office to determine whether the additional state program information must be included in the notice.

Because your health plans renew each January 1, your notice must be provided with the annual re-enrollment materials for the next plan year.

This information was compiled on July 31, 2016. It will be updated as new information becomes available.

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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’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 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 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 July 31, 2016. Contact your state for more information on eligibility.

ALABAMA – Medicaid	ALASKA – Medicaid
Website: http://myalbhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-692-5447	The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program Website: http://myakbhipp.com/ Phone: 1-866-251-4861 Email: CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com Medicaid Eligibility: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx
ARKANSAS – Medicaid	COLORADO – Medicaid
Website: http://myarbhipp.com/ Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (1-855-692-7447)	Medicaid Website: http://www.colorado.gov/bcpf Medicaid Customer Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943
FLORIDA – Medicaid	GEORGIA – Medicaid
Website: http://flmedicaidtplrecovery.com/bhapp/ Phone: 1-877-357-3268	Website: http://dcb.georgia.gov/medicaid • Click on Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Phone: (404) 656-4507
INDIANA – Medicaid	IOWA – Medicaid
Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19–64 Website: http://www.in.gov/fssa/bip/ Phone: 1-877-438-4479 All other Medicaid Website: http://www.indianamedicaid.com Phone: 1-800-403-0864	Website: http://dbs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/bhapp Phone: 1-888-346-9562
KANSAS – Medicaid	KENTUCKY – Medicaid
Website: http://www.kdbeks.gov/bcf/ Phone: (785) 296-3512	Website: http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm Phone: 1-800-635-2570
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	MAINE – Medicaid
Website: http://dbb.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331 Phone: 1-888-695-2447	Website: http://www.maine.gov/dbhs/ofi/ Phone: 1-800-442-6003 TTY: Maine relay 711
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	MINNESOTA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.mass.gov/eobhs/gov/departments/masshealth/ Phone: 1-800-462-1120	Website: http://mn.gov/dbs/people-we-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/medical-assistance.jsp Phone: 1-800-657-3739

MISSOURI – Medicaid	MONTANA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.dss.mo.gov/mbd/participants/pages/bipp.htm Phone: (573) 751-2005	Website: http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP Phone: 1-800-694-3084
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	NEVADA – Medicaid
Website: http://dbhs.ne.gov/Children_Family_Services/AccessNebraska/Pages/accessnebraska_index.aspx Phone: 1-855-632-7633	Medicaid Website: http://dwss.nv.gov/ Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.dbhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/bippapp.pdf Phone: (603) 271-5218	Medicaid Website: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmabs/clients/medicaid/ Medicaid Phone: (609) 631-2392 CHIP Website: http://www.njfamilycare.org/default.aspx CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710
NEW YORK – Medicaid	NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid/ Phone: 1-800-541-2831	Website: https://dma.ncdbhs.gov/ Phone: (919) 855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/ Phone: 1-844-854-4825	Website: http://www.insureoklahoma.org Phone: 1-888-365-3742
OREGON – Medicaid	PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid
Website: http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx Phone: 1-800-699-9075	Website: http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymentbippprogram/index.htm Phone: 1-800-692-7462
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid
Website: http://www.eobhs.ri.gov/ Phone: (401) 462-5300	Website: http://www.scdhhs.gov Phone: 1-888-549-0820
SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid	TEXAS – Medicaid
Website: http://dss.sd.gov Phone: 1-888-828-0059	Website: http://getbipptexas.com/ Phone: 1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	VERMONT– Medicaid
Website: Medicaid: https://health.utah.gov/medicaid CHIP: http://health.utah.gov/chip Phone: 1-877-543-7669	Website: http://www.greenmountaincare.org/ Phone: 1-800-250-8427
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	WASHINGTON – Medicaid
Medicaid Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP Website: http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282	Website: http://www.bca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid	WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP
Website: http://www.dbbr.wv.gov/bms/Medicaid%20Expansion/Pages/default.aspx Phone: 1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability	Website: https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf Phone: 1-800-362-3002
WYOMING – Medicaid	
Website: https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/ Phone: (307) 777-7531	

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To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 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

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