



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.**

## 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](http://www.healthcare.gov).

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](http://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](http://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, 2014. Contact your State for further information on eligibility.**

STATE	WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER
ALABAMA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov">www.medicaid.alabama.gov</a>	1-855-692-5447
ALASKA – Medicaid	<a href="http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/">http://health.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/medicaid/</a>	Outside of Anchorage: 1-888-318-8890 Anchorage: 907-269-6529
ARIZONA – CHIP	<a href="http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants">www.azahcccs.gov/applicants</a>	Outside of Maricopa County: 1-877-764-5437 Maricopa County: 602-417-5437
COLORADO – Medicaid	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.colorado.gov">www.colorado.gov</a>	Medicaid (In state): 1-800-866-3513 Medicaid (Out of state): 1-800-221-3943
FLORIDA – Medicaid	<a href="https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com">https://www.flmedicaidtplrecovery.com</a>	1-877-357-3268
GEORGIA – Medicaid	<a href="http://dch.georgia.gov/">http://dch.georgia.gov/</a> Click on Programs, then Medicaid, then Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)	1-800-869-1150
IDAHO – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/PremiumAssistance/tabid/1510/Default.aspx">http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/Medicaid/PremiumAssistance/tabid/1510/Default.aspx</a>	Medicaid: 1-800-926-2588 CHIP: 1-800-926-2588
INDIANA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa">www.in.gov/fssa</a>	1-800-889-9948
IOWA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/">www.dhs.state.ia.us/hipp/</a>	1-888-346-9562
KANSAS – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/">www.kdheks.gov/hcf/</a>	1-800-792-4884
KENTUCKY – Medicaid	<a href="http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm">http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm</a>	1-800-635-2570

STATE	WEBSITE	PHONE NUMBER
LOUISIANA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov">www.lahipp.dhh.louisiana.gov</a>	1-888-695-2447
MAINE – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofc/public-assistance/">www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofc/public-assistance/</a>	1-800-572-3839 TTY 1-800-977-6741
MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://www.mass.gov/MassHealth">www.mass.gov/MassHealth</a>	1-800-462-1120
MINNESOTA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhs.state.mn.us">www.dhs.state.mn.us</a> Click on Health Care, then Medical Assistance	1-800-657-3629
MISSOURI – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a>	573-751-2005
MONTANA – Medicaid	<a href="http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml">http://medicaidprovider.hhs.mt.gov/clientpages/clientindex.shtml</a>	1-800-694-3084
NEBRASKA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a>	1-800-383-4278
NEVADA – Medicaid	<a href="http://dwss.nv.gov">http://dwss.nv.gov</a>	1-800-992-0900
NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf">www.dhhs.nh.gov/oii/documents/hippapp.pdf</a>	603-271-5218
NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid">www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid</a> CHIP: <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/">www.njfamilycare.org/</a>	Medicaid: 609-631-2392 CHIP: 1-800-701-0710
NEW YORK – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid">www.nyhealth.gov/health_care/medicaid</a>	1-800-541-2831
NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma">http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma</a>	919-855-4100
NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a>	1-800-755-2604
OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">www.insureoklahoma.org</a>	1-888-365-3742
OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov">www.oregonhealthykids.gov</a> <a href="http://www.hijossaludablesoregon.gov">www.hijossaludablesoregon.gov</a>	1-800-699-9075
PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp">www.dpw.state.pa.us/hipp</a>	1-800-692-7462
RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.ohhs.ri.gov">www.ohhs.ri.gov</a>	401-462-5300
SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.scdhhs.gov">www.scdhhs.gov</a>	1-888-549-0820
SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid	<a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a>	1-888-828-0059
TEXAS – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.gethipptexas.com">www.gethipptexas.com</a>	1-800-440-0493
UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP	<a href="http://health.utah.gov/upp">http://health.utah.gov/upp</a>	1-866-435-7414
VERMONT – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org">www.greenmountaincare.org</a>	1-800-250-8427
VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP	Medicaid: <a href="http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm">www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm</a> CHIP: <a href="http://www.famis.org">www.famis.org</a>	Medicaid: 1-800-432-5924 CHIP: 1-866-873-2647
WASHINGTON – Medicaid	<a href="http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm">http://hrsa.dshs.wa.gov/premiumpymt/Apply.shtm</a>	1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473
WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/">www.dhhr.wv.gov/bms/</a>	1-877-598-5820, HMS Third Party Liability
WISCONSIN – Medicaid	<a href="http://www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm">www.badgercareplus.org/pubs/p-10095.htm</a>	1-800-362-3002
WYOMING – Medicaid	<a href="http://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/equalitycare">http://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/equalitycare</a>	307-777-7531

To see if any more States have added a premium assistance program since January 31, 2014, 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](http://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](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565