

MEDICAID AND THE CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP)

If you are eligible for health coverage from your employer, but are unable to afford the premiums, some States have premium assistance programs that can help pay for coverage. These States use funds from their Medicaid (AHCCCS in Arizona) or CHIP programs to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid (AHCCCS) or CHIP, you can contact the Arizona Medicaid (AHCCCS) or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid (AHCCCS) or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs you can contact:

ARIZONA – CHIP

<http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/default.aspx>

602-417-5422

1-877-KIDS NOW

www.insurekidsnow.gov

Once it is determined that you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid (AHCCCS) or CHIP, your employer's health plan is required to permit you and your dependents to enroll in the plan – as long as you and your dependents are eligible, but not already enrolled in the employer's plan. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and **you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance.**

To research the availability of, and your eligibility for, premium assistance in other states, please contact the following agencies:

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, Ext. 61565