

IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT MEDICAID AND CHIP

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) offer low-cost or free health insurance that can help you and your family get health care and avoid medical debt. It covers **doctor visits, hospital care, prescription medications, mental health care, and more.**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

In every state, Medicaid and CHIP cover low-income people who are:

- Children aged 18 or younger
- Pregnant women
- People with serious, long-term disabilities

Eligibility will vary by state and can be determined by income and family size or by other factors. CHIP provides low-cost health insurance to children living in families that earn too much to qualify for Medicaid. In some states, nearly all low-income individuals under age 65 can receive Medicaid, but not all states have chosen this option.

Medicaid eligibility is usually limited to U.S. citizens and specific groups of non-citizens, such as lawful permanent residents.*

Visit [HealthCare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov) or [CuidadoDeSalud.gov](https://www.CuidadoDeSalud.gov) to check your eligibility.

Even if you are not eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you may still qualify for free or low-cost insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace.†

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for coverage for yourself, please visit your state's Medicaid or CHIP website. Program names may vary by state and can be found by going to [Healthcare.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-program-names](https://www.healthcare.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-program-names) and selecting your state.

You can also visit [InsureKidsNow.gov/coverage](https://www.InsureKidsNow.gov/coverage) or [Espanol. InsureKidsNow.gov/coverage](#) to find coverage for your family.

Remember, you can apply for Medicaid and CHIP at any time of the year. You do not have to wait for an Open Enrollment Period.

If you require assistance in enrolling your family or if you have questions regarding your eligibility, please reach out to:

* California currently provides coverage for undocumented immigrants up to age 26 and above age 50; beginning in 2024, undocumented individuals between the ages of 26-49 will also be eligible to enroll.

† Illinois provides access to non-citizens, including undocumented immigrants, 42 and older, as well as all children (under 18).

