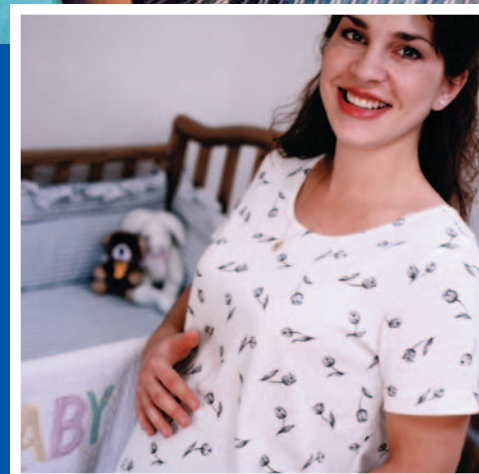


GROWING UP HEALTHY



Health Insurance
and Nutrition
for Children, Teens
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Child Health Plus
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HEALTHY

Health Insurance

Health insurance is available for most uninsured children under age 19 living in New York State under one of two programs: Child Health Plus A or B. Your child may be eligible regardless of how much your family earns or your child's immigration status.

What do Child Health Plus A and B offer?

Both programs cover important medical services such as regular medical check-ups, dental visits, eye exams and eyeglasses, mental health services, prescription drugs, hospital care and much more. In addition to comprehensive primary and preventive care, Child Health Plus A has an added guarantee that provides for all necessary treatment. Contact your local department of social services for more information.

How do I know what program my child is eligible for?

Children are eligible for either Child Health Plus A or B, but not both. When you turn in this application, your children will be enrolled in the program they are eligible for.

Do I have to pay anything for health insurance?

How much you pay depends on how much your family earns per month. For some families, health insurance is free. Some families have to pay a small monthly amount. If your monthly income is LESS than or EQUAL to the amount given for your family size, your child can get health insurance for \$15 or less per month. If your monthly income is more than these amounts, your child can get health insurance for a higher cost.

FAMILY SIZE	* MONTHLY INCOME
1	\$2,042
2	\$2,750
3	\$3,459
4	\$4,167
5	\$4,875
Each additional person, add:	\$ 709

* Effective April 1, 2006. Income levels increase yearly

Will my child be able to see their same doctor?

Probably. Many children will receive their health care through health insurance plans that have their own groups of doctors, hospitals and pharmacies. Before joining a plan, make sure your child's doctor is part of that plan. Other children will get their care outside of health plans. You should talk to your child's doctor about what kind of health insurance they accept.

What do I have to do to enroll?

It's now easier than ever to apply for health insurance. There are a lot of places in your neighborhood where you can bring this application. These places have experienced and friendly staff that are available on weekends and evenings to answer all of your questions and help you apply. Please call 1-800-698-4543 for a list of these places. You can also send this application directly to the health plan(s) you have chosen if you are applying for Child Health Plus.

What is available for pregnant women?

Health insurance is available for pregnant women regardless of their immigration status under the Medicaid and Prenatal Care Assistance Programs (PCAP). Pregnant women who participate in PCAP can receive a wide range of services designed to ensure a healthy pregnancy including prenatal visits, health education, and specialty medical care. Services continue until two months after the pregnancy ends. Family planning services are available for 24 months after the pregnancy ends. After your baby is born, he or she will automatically receive Medicaid for a year.

What is WIC?

WIC is a program to improve the nutrition and health of women, infants and children under age 5. WIC provides families with nutritious food, such as infant formula, milk, juice, cheese, eggs, cereal, dried beans/peas and peanut butter. WIC also gives families nutrition and health education, and refers families to other health services. WIC is free for all eligible families.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP COMPLETING THIS FORM?

CALL TOLL-FREE 1-800-698-4543

ALL HELP IS FREE

(1-877-898-5849 TTY line for the hearing impaired)

CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT All of the information you provide to us will remain confidential. The only people who will see this information are the state or local agencies and health plans who need to know this information in order to determine if you (the pregnant woman or minor) or your child(ren) are eligible. The person helping you with this application cannot discuss the information with anyone, except a supervisor or the state or local agencies or health plans which need this information.

INSTRUCTIONS

Only children under the age of nineteen and pregnant women can use this application to apply for health insurance and WIC. Adults applying for health insurance should use the Access New York application for the entire family.

PLEASE READ the entire application, instructions and document checklist before you fill out the application. **Everyone applying on this application must show three types of documents: proof of identity/age, proof of New York State Residency and proof of current income.** Please refer to the documentation checklist for acceptable documents and to determine if any other specific documents are required.

SECTION A: Contact Information

This section should be completed by a parent, guardian, person applying on behalf of a child(ren) or a pregnant woman. In this section, we ask for information about how to contact the applicants. The home address is where the persons applying for health insurance live. The mailing address, if different, is where the health insurance cards and all notices will be sent.

SECTION B: Household Information

List the names of all the people who want to apply for health insurance and the names of their parents, step-parents or spouses living with them, even if they are not also applying. You may list other household members, at your option. List the head of household on line 1. Fill out the information requested for each household member.

Is this person pregnant? This information helps us determine the size of your family. A pregnant woman counts as two people.

Relationship to Head of Household. Show how each person is related to the head of household (the person listed on line 1) e.g., spouse, child/step-child, niece, nephew, etc.

Does this person want health insurance? Each person applying for health insurance will only be enrolled in the program they qualify for: Medicaid, Child Health Plus A or B.

Social Security Number. A social security number should be provided for all persons applying if it is available, but is not needed for pregnant women or any household member who is not applying for health insurance.

Race/Ethnic Group. This information is optional. It is asked to make sure all people have access to the programs. If you



fill out this information, use the code shown on the application that best describes the person's race or ethnic background.

SECTION C: Health Insurance

List the names of any persons in your household who are already enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus A, or Family Health Plus and their client identification numbers (CIN). This may help us reduce paperwork for you.

List all persons covered by any other private health insurance and provide the information requested. If this coverage is ending soon, give the date the coverage will end. To help you answer whether anyone has access to health insurance through a state health benefits plan, the following describes what we mean:

State Health Benefits Plan means the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP), which is offered to employees/retirees of NYS government, the State Legislature and the Unified Court System. Some local government agencies and school districts also elect to participate in NYSHIP. If you are not sure, check with your employer.

SECTION D: Citizenship

This information is needed only for those people applying for health insurance. Pregnant women do not have to complete this section. Almost all children who are New York State residents and

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who do not have other health insurance are eligible, regardless of their immigration status.

PUBLIC CHARGE INFORMATION

The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has said that enrollment in Child Health Plus A or B, Medicaid, or Family Health Plus CANNOT affect a person's ability to get a green card, become a citizen, sponsor a family member, or travel in and out of the country (except if Medicaid pays for long-term care in a place like a nursing home or psychiatric hospital).



The State will not report any information on this application to the USCIS.

SECTION E: Household Income

In this section, list all types of income and the amount received by the people you listed in Section B.

If there is no money coming into the household, explain how the applicants are being supported.

■ **Child Care and Adult Dependent Costs** are how much you pay another person to take care of your children or disabled spouse or parent while you are working or going to school. Some of this amount may be subtracted from your monthly earnings.

SECTION F: Housing Expenses

Give the monthly cost of housing for your household. This includes your rent, monthly mortgage payment or other housing payment. If you have a mortgage payment, include property taxes and homeowners insurance. If you pay for your heat, list the type of heat that is used (gas, oil, electric).

SECTION G: Illness/Injury

You may be able to get more services if you have a disability or a serious illness. If you have paid or unpaid medical bills from the past three months, Child Health Plus A may be able to pay for these costs.

SECTION H: WIC

WIC is a program to improve the nutrition and health of women, infants, and children. Check *yes* if you would also like to apply for this program. Applying for WIC will not change your eligibility for health insurance. You will still need to visit a WIC office.

SECTION I: Health Plan Selection

If you are determined eligible for Child Health Plus B, you must select a health plan in order to receive medical care. If you want to keep the doctor you have now, you need to join a health plan that your doctor belongs to. If you want to pick a new doctor or to get the code for a doctor or health center, call the selected plan for help. Once enrolled in a health plan, you must use the doctors and hospitals under that plan.

Some people enrolled in Child Health Plus A will be required to join a health plan. Others will not. If you or a family member are found eligible for Child Health Plus A, and you are in a county that requires people to be in a health plan, we will enroll you in the same plan you chose, if it provides Child Health Plus A. If you are in a county that does not require people to be in a health plan, we will still enroll you in the plan you chose, unless you tell us that you do not want to be in this plan by checking the box in this section. Your interviewer will discuss this with you.



READ THE TERMS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES SECTION ON THE LAST PAGE AND SIGN AND DATE THE BOTTOM

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