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Children's Health Insurance

Children's Health Insurance is available to most uninsured children under the age of 19 in New York City. Your children may be eligible for one of two child health insurance programs, Child Health Plus A (formerly Medicaid) or Child Health Plus B.

What is Child Health Plus?

New York's two health insurance programs for children, Medicaid and Child Health Plus, are now united under one name, Child Health Plus. Child Health Plus is a comprehensive health insurance program that covers most of children's health care and dental needs. The income requirements make it possible for working families to get free or low-cost health insurance for their children.

Why is Insurance Important?

Insurance pays for the health care you need when you get sick. It also pays for regular doctor visits and dental checkups that will help keep your family healthy. Visiting a doctor and dentist on a regular basis can prevent illness or cure illnesses before they get too serious.

How much does it cost?

These programs are free for many families with children. Some families may have to pay a small monthly amount depending of yearly income. There are no co-payments for services or benefits received.

Family Size	MAXIMUM MONTHLY GROSS INCOME (Family)		
	Free Insurance	\$9 per child per month	\$15 per child per month
1	\$1,241	\$1,723	\$1,940
2	\$1,665	\$2,311	\$2,063
3	\$2,089	\$2,899	\$3,265
4	\$2,513	\$3,488	\$3,928
5	\$2,937	\$4,076	\$4,590
6	\$3,361	\$4,664	\$5,253
For Each Additional Person, Add:	\$424	\$589	\$663

Chart is effective 1/1/2004 and subject to annual income updates.

Who is Eligible?

Most of New York's uninsured children are eligible. This is not a program just for very low-income children; instead, many children in families that work are eligible for Child Health Plus. Children are eligible for Child Health Plus regardless of their immigration status - even undocumented children.

What do I have to do to Enroll?

Now, it is easier than ever to apply for health insurance. There are many [convenient locations where you can enroll](#).

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