



2026 Monroe County Employee Annual Notices

For Plan Year January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

For benefit-eligible employees and retirees of:

Board of County Commissioners

Property Appraiser

Clerk of Court

Supervisor of Elections

Land Authority

Sheriff's Office

Tax Collector

Court Administration

Annual Notices

This notice packet includes all notices required under federal law for the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Employee Benefit Plan (the "Plan"). These notices are provided annually and it is important that you read them carefully to understand your rights under the Plan.

If you have Medicare or will become eligible for Medicare in the next 12 months, a Federal law gives you more choices about your prescription drug coverage.

Enclosed Notices

- Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act
- Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act Disclosure
- HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices Reminder
- HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights
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- Summary of Benefits and Coverage
- Wellness Program
- COBRA General Notice
- Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

Women's Health & Cancer Rights Act

If you have had or are going to have a mastectomy, you may be entitled to certain benefits under the Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act of 1998 ("WHCRA"). For individuals receiving mastectomy-related benefits, coverage will be provided in a manner determined in consultation with the attending physician and the patient, for:

- All states of reconstruction of the breast on which the mastectomy was performed;
- Surgery and reconstruction of the other breast to produce a symmetrical appearance;
- Prostheses; and
- Treatment of physical complications of the mastectomy, including lymphedema.

Therefore, the following deductibles and coinsurance apply:

Plan 1 BlueOptions (PPO)

(Individual: 20% coinsurance and \$400 deductible; Family: 20% coinsurance and \$800 deductible)

Plan 2 BlueOptions (HSA)

(Individual: 20% coinsurance and \$2,000 deductible; Family: 20% coinsurance and \$4,000 deductible)

If you would like more information on WHCRA benefits, please contact your Plan Administrator at **305.292.4448** or maddox-natalie@monroecounty-fl.gov.

Newborns' and Mothers' Health Protection Act Disclosure

Group health plans and health insurance issuers generally may not, under Federal law, restrict benefits for any hospital length of stay in connection with childbirth for the mother or newborn child to less than 48 hours following a vaginal delivery, or less than 96 hours following a cesarean section. However, Federal law generally does not prohibit the mother's or newborn's attending provider, after consulting with the mother, from discharging the mother or her newborn earlier than 48 hours (or 96 hours as applicable). In any case, plans and issuers may not, under Federal law, require that a provider obtain authorization from the plan or the insurance issuer for prescribing a length of stay not in excess of 48 hours (or 96 hours).

ACA DISCLAIMER

This offer of coverage may disqualify you from receiving government subsidies for an Exchange plan even if you choose not to enroll. To be subsidy eligible you would have to establish that this offer is unaffordable for you, meaning that the required contribution for employee only coverage under our base plan exceeds 9.78% of your modified adjusted household income.

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices Reminder

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Welfare Benefits Plan Protecting Your Health Information Privacy Rights

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners is committed to the privacy of your health information. The administrators of the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Welfare Benefits Plan (the "Plan") use strict privacy standards to protect your health information from unauthorized use or disclosure.

The Plan's policies protecting your privacy rights and your rights under the law are described in the Plan's Notice of Privacy Practices. You may receive a copy of the Notice of Privacy Practices by contacting Natalie Maddox – Senior Employee Benefits Administrator at **305.292.4448** or **maddox-natalie@monroecounty-fl.gov**.

HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Health Plan Notice of Your HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights

Our records show that you are eligible to participate in the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Health and Welfare Plan (to actually participate, you must complete an enrollment form and pay part of the premium through payroll deduction).

A federal law called HIPAA requires that we notify you about an important provision in the plan - your right to enroll in the plan under its "special enrollment provision" if you acquire a new dependent, or if you decline coverage under this plan for yourself or an eligible dependent while other coverage is in effect and later lose that other coverage for certain qualifying reasons.

Loss of Other Coverage (Excluding Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program). If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while other health insurance or group health plan coverage is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage (or if the employer stops contributing toward your or your dependents' other coverage). However, you must request enrollment within 30 days after your or your dependents' other coverage ends (or after the employer stops contributing toward the other coverage).

Loss of Coverage for Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program. If you decline enrollment for yourself or for an eligible dependent (including your spouse) while Medicaid coverage or coverage under a state children's health insurance program is in effect, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan if you or your dependents lose eligibility for that other coverage. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' coverage ends under Medicaid or a state children's health insurance program.

New Dependent by Marriage, Birth, Adoption, or Placement for Adoption. If you have a new dependent as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your new dependents. However, you must request enrollment within 30 days of the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Eligibility for Medicaid or a State Children's Health Insurance Program. If you or your dependents (including your spouse) become eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy from Medicaid or through a state children's health insurance program with respect to coverage under this plan, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents in this plan. However, you must request enrollment within 60 days after your or your dependents' determination of eligibility for such assistance.

To request special enrollment or to obtain more information about the plan's special enrollment provisions, contact Employee Benefits Administrator at **305.292.4448** or **maddox-natalie@monroecounty-fl.gov**.

In addition, this special enrollment opportunity will not be available when other coverage ends unless you provide a written statement now explaining the reason that you are declining coverage for yourself or your dependent(s). Failing to accurately complete and return this form for each person for whom you are declining coverage will eliminate this special enrollment opportunity for the person(s) for whom a statement is not completed, even if other coverage is currently in effect and is later lost. In addition, unless you indicate in the statement that you are declining coverage because other coverage is in effect, you will not have this special enrollment opportunity for the person(s) covered by the statement. (See the paragraph below, however, regarding enrollment in the event of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption.)

New dependent as result of marriage, birth, adoption or placement for adoption – if you have a new dependent as result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll yourself and your dependents. To be eligible for this special enrollment opportunity you must request enrollment within 30 days after the marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption.

Effective April 1, 2009 special enrollment rights also exist in the following circumstances:

- If you or your dependents experience a loss of eligibility for Medicaid or your State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) coverage; or
- If you or your dependents become eligible for premium assistance under an optional state Medicaid or SCHIP program that would pay the employee’s portion of the health insurance premium.

To be eligible for the two above listed special enrollment opportunities, you must request coverage within 60 days after the date the employee or dependent becomes eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP or the date your dependent’s Medicaid or state-sponsored CHIP coverage ends.

Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Notice

Important Notice from the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners About Your Prescription Drug Coverage and Medicare

Please read this notice carefully and keep it where you can find it. This notice has information about your current prescription drug coverage with the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners (the County) and about your options under Medicare's prescription drug coverage. This information can help you decide whether or not you want to join a Medicare drug plan. If you are considering joining, you should compare your current coverage, including which drugs are covered at what cost, with the coverage and costs of the plans offering Medicare prescription drug coverage in your area. Information about where you can get help to make decisions about your prescription drug coverage is at the end of this notice.

There are two important things you need to know about your current coverage and Medicare's prescription drug coverage:

1. Medicare prescription drug coverage became available in 2006 to everyone with Medicare. You can get this coverage if you join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan or join a Medicare Advantage Plan (like an HMO or PPO) that offers prescription drug coverage. All Medicare drug plans provide at least a standard level of coverage set by Medicare. Some plans may also offer more coverage for a higher monthly premium.
2. The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the prescription drug coverage offered by the: Blue Options with HRA and the Blue Options PPO Plan is, on average for all plan participants, expected to pay out as much as standard Medicare prescription drug coverage pays and is therefore considered Creditable Coverage. Because your existing coverage is Creditable Coverage, you can keep this drug coverage and not pay a higher premium (a penalty) if you later decide to join a Medicare plan.

When can you join a Medicare drug plan?

You can join a Medicare drug plan when you first become eligible for Medicare and each year from October 15 to December 7.

However, if you lose your current creditable prescription drug coverage, through no fault of your own, you will also be eligible for a two (2)-month Special Enrollment Period (SEP) to join a Medicare drug plan.

What happens to your current coverage if you decide to join a Medicare drug plan?

If you decide to join a Medicare drug plan, your current Monroe County Board of County Commissioners coverage will not be affected (i.e., you can keep the County's coverage if you elect part D and the County's plan will coordinate with Part D coverage; for those individuals who elect Part D coverage). See pages 7-9 of the *CMS Disclosure of Creditable Coverage To Medicare Part D Eligible Individuals Guidance* (available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CreditableCoverage/>), which outlines the prescription drug plan provisions/options that Medicare eligible individuals may have available to them when they become eligible for Medicare Part D.

Once you leave the MCBOCC medical/rx plan as a retiree you CANNOT return.

When will you pay a higher premium (penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan?

You should also know that if you drop or lose your current coverage and don't join a Medicare drug plan within 63 continuous days after your current coverage ends, you may pay a higher premium (a penalty) to join a Medicare drug plan later.

If you go 63 continuous days or longer without creditable prescription drug coverage, your monthly premium may go up by at least 1% of the Medicare base beneficiary premium per month for every month that you did not have that coverage. For example, if you go 19 months without creditable coverage, your premium may consistently be at least 19% higher than the Medicare base beneficiary premium. You may have to pay this higher premium (a penalty) as long as you have Medicare prescription drug coverage. In addition, you may have to wait until the following October to join.

For more information about this notice or your current prescription drug coverage:

Contact the person listed below for more information. NOTE: You'll get this notice each year. You will also get it before the next period you can join a Medicare drug plan, and if this coverage through changes. You also may request a copy of this notice at any time.

For more information about your options under Medicare prescription drug coverage:

More detailed information about Medicare plans that offer prescription drug coverage is in the "Medicare & You" handbook. You'll get a copy of the handbook in the mail every year from Medicare. You may also be contacted directly by Medicare drug plans.

For more information about Medicare prescription drug coverage:

- Visit www.medicare.gov.
- Call your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (see the inside back cover of your copy of the "Medicare & You" handbook for their telephone number) for personalized help.
- Call **800.MEDICARE (800.633.4227)**. TTY users should call **877.486.2048**.

If you have limited income and resources, extra help paying for Medicare prescription drug coverage is available. For information about this extra help, visit Social Security on the web at www.socialsecurity.gov or call them at **800.772.1213 (TTY 800.325.0778)**.

Remember: Keep this Creditable Coverage notice. If you decide to join one of the Medicare drug plans, you may be required to provide a copy of this notice when you join to show whether or not you have maintained creditable coverage and, therefore, whether or not you are required to pay a higher premium (a penalty).

Date: January 1, 2026

**Name of Entity/
Sender:** Monroe County Board of County Commissioners

Contact: Natalie Maddox – Senior Employee Benefits Administrator

Address: The Historic Gato Cigar Factory
1100 Simonton Street,
Suite 2-268
Key West, FL 33040
United States

Phone Number: 305.292.4448

Pre-Tax Contributions

In most cases, Monroe County Board of County Commissioners employees' contributions for health coverage are deducted from their paychecks on a pre-tax basis meaning before federal income taxes, state income taxes (in most cases), and FICA taxes are calculated. Internal Revenue Code (I.R.C) Section 152 defines what dependent contributions are eligible for pre-tax deductions. The IRS does not allow employees' contributions for dependent health coverage to be deducted on a pre-tax basis unless the dependent(s) meet the definition of a tax dependent under I.R.C. Section 152. If they do not meet the definition of a tax dependent, they may be either ineligible for the Plan, or in some cases, the IRS taxes the additional fair market value of these benefits and treats it as Imputed Income. Contributions for medical, dental and vision coverage for eligible dependents that do not meet the definition of a tax dependent will be made on a post-tax basis and the Imputed Income will be included on your paycheck and IRS Form W-2.

Summary of Benefits and Coverage

Summary of Benefits Coverage for the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Medical Plan is available upon request from the Employee Benefits Department.

The Notice Regarding Wellness Program

The Monroe County Board of County Commissioners wellness program is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you may be asked to complete a voluntary health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). You will also be asked to complete a biometric screening, which may include a blood test. You are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the blood test or other medical examinations.

However, employees who choose to participate in the wellness program may be eligible to receive an incentive. Although you are not required to complete the HRA or participate in the biometric screening, only employees who do so will receive the incentive.

Additional incentives may be available for employees who participate in certain health-related activities or achieve certain health outcomes. If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities or achieve any of the health outcomes required to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting Employee Benefits Department.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks, and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program and Monroe County Board of County Commissioners may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, Right You will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to the employer, except as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for purposes of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information is (are) CareATC in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, information will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately. You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate. If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact Natalie Maddox at **305.292.4448**.

General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights

Upon enrollment in our medical, dental and/or life coverage, we are required to send you (and your family) the General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights. This notice explains continuation of your coverage and when it may become available to you and/or your family members under the federal COBRA law. It also provides you important information regarding your responsibilities if you were to experience a “qualifying event”. For instance, if your dependent child loses eligibility on the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners plan, you must notify Employee Benefits Department in writing within 60 days. If you fail to notify your employer, your dependent would lose their right to COBRA continuation. This document is important to read so you are aware of Monroe County Board of County Commissioners and your rights and responsibilities.

General Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights Notice of COBRA Continuation Coverage Rights (For Monroe County Board of County Commissioners Health Plan)

You’re getting this notice because you recently gained coverage under a group health plan (the Plan). This notice has important information about your right to COBRA continuation coverage, which is a temporary extension of coverage under the Plan. This notice explains COBRA continuation coverage, when it may become available to you and your family, and what you need to do to protect your right to get it. When you become eligible for COBRA, you may also become eligible for other coverage options that may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage.

The right to COBRA continuation coverage was created by a federal law, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA). COBRA continuation coverage can become available to you and other members of your family when group health coverage would otherwise end. For more information about your rights and obligations under the Plan and under federal law, you should review the Plan’s Summary Plan Description or contact the Plan Administrator. You may have other options available to you when you lose group health coverage. For example, you may be eligible to buy an individual plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace. By enrolling in coverage through the Marketplace, you may qualify for lower costs on your monthly premiums and lower out-of-pocket costs. Additionally, you may qualify for a 30-day special enrollment period for another group health plan for which you are eligible (such as a spouse’s plan), even if that plan generally doesn’t accept late enrollees.

What is COBRA continuation coverage?

COBRA continuation coverage is a continuation of Plan coverage when it would otherwise end because of a life event. This is also called a “qualifying event.” Specific qualifying events are listed later in this notice. After a qualifying event, COBRA continuation coverage must be offered to each person who is a “qualified beneficiary.” You, your spouse, and your dependent children could become qualified beneficiaries if coverage under the Plan is lost because of the qualifying event. Under the Plan, qualified beneficiaries who elect COBRA continuation coverage [choose and enter appropriate information: must pay or aren’t required to pay] for COBRA continuation coverage.

If you’re an employee, you’ll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your hours of employment are reduced, or
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

If you’re the spouse of an employee, you’ll become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse’s hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct; .
- Your spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under the Plan because of the following qualifying events:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee’s hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee’s employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;

- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a “dependent child.”

When is COBRA continuation coverage available?

The Plan will offer COBRA continuation coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. The employer must notify the Plan Administrator of the following qualifying events:

- The end of employment or reduction of hours of employment;
- Death of the employee; or
- The employee’s becoming entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both).

For all other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child’s losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 60 days after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to: Employee Benefits Department.

How is COBRA continuation coverage provided?

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA continuation coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries. Each qualified beneficiary will have an independent right to elect COBRA continuation coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA continuation coverage on behalf of their children.

COBRA continuation coverage is a temporary continuation of coverage that generally lasts for 18 months due to employment termination or reduction of hours of work. Certain qualifying events, or a second qualifying event during the initial period of coverage, may permit a beneficiary to receive a maximum of 36 months of coverage.

There are also ways in which this 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage can be extended:

Disability extension of 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage

If you or anyone in your family covered under the Plan is determined by Social Security to be disabled and you notify the Plan Administrator in a timely fashion, you and your entire family may be entitled to get up to an additional 11 months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 29 months. The disability would have to have started at some time before the 60th day of COBRA continuation coverage and must last at least until the end of the 18-month period of COBRA continuation coverage. [Add description of any additional Plan procedures for this notice, including a description of any required information or documentation, the name of the appropriate party to whom notice must be sent, and the time period for giving notice.]

Second qualifying event extension of 18-month period of continuation coverage

If your family experiences another qualifying event during the 18 months of COBRA continuation coverage, the spouse and dependent children in your family can get up to 18 additional months of COBRA continuation coverage, for a maximum of 36 months, if the Plan is properly notified about the second qualifying event. This extension may be available to the spouse and any dependent children getting COBRA continuation coverage if the employee or former employee dies; becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); gets divorced or legally separated; or if the dependent child stops being eligible under the Plan as a dependent child. This extension is only available if the second qualifying event would have caused the spouse or dependent child to lose coverage under the Plan had the first qualifying event not occurred.

Are there other coverage options besides COBRA Continuation Coverage?

Yes. Instead of enrolling in COBRA continuation coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family through the Health Insurance Marketplace, Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or other group health plan coverage options (such as a spouse’s plan) through what is called a “special enrollment period.” Some of these options may cost less than COBRA continuation coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at www.healthcare.gov/.

¹<https://www.medicare.gov/sign-up-change-plans/how-do-i-get-parts-a-b/part-a-part-b-sign-up-periods>

Can I enroll in Medicare instead of COBRA continuation coverage after my group health plan coverage ends?

In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period¹ to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare.

For more information visit <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you>.

If you have questions

Questions concerning your Plan or your COBRA continuation coverage rights should be addressed to the contact or contacts identified below. For more information about your rights under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), including COBRA, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and other laws affecting group health plans, contact the nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) in your area or visit www.dol.gov/ebsa. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website.) For more information about the Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov.

Keep your Plan informed of address changes

To protect your family's rights, let the Plan Administrator know about any changes in the addresses of family members. You should also keep a copy, for your records, of any notices you send to the Plan Administrator.

You Must Give Notice of Some Qualifying Events

For the other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), you must notify the Plan Administrator within 31 days or less after the qualifying event occurs. You must provide this notice to Natalie Maddox.

Plan contact information

Monroe County Board of County Commissioners

Natalie Maddox – Senior Employee Benefits Administrator

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Key West, Florida 33040

United States

Phone Number: 305.292.4448

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’re 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 aren’t eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won’t 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.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a state listed below, 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, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **877.KIDS.NOW** or 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 or call **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 July 31, 2025. Contact your state for more information on eligibility.

ALABAMA – Medicaid

<http://myalhipp.com>
855.692.5447

ALASKA – Medicaid

The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
<http://myakhipp.com/> | 866.251.4861
CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com
Medicaid Eligibility: <https://health.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/default.aspx>

ARKANSAS – Medicaid

<http://myarhipp.com>
855.MyARHIPP (855.692.7447)

CALIFORNIA – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program
<http://dhcs.ca.gov/hipp>
916.445.8322 | Fax: 916.440.5676 | Email: hipp@dhcs.ca.gov

COLORADO – Medicaid and CHIP

Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program)
<https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com>
Member Contact Center: 800.221.3943 | State Relay 711
Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)
<https://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus>
Customer Service: 800.359.1991 | State Relay 711
Health Insurance Buy-In Program (HIBI)
<https://www.mycohibi.com/>
HIBI Customer Service: 855.692.6442

FLORIDA – Medicaid

www.flmedicaidprecovery.com/flmedicaidprecovery.com/hipp/index.html
877.357.3268

GEORGIA – Medicaid

GA HIPP: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp>
678.564.1162, Press 1
GA CHIPRA: <https://medicaid.georgia.gov/programs/third-party-liability/childrens-health-insurance-program-reauthorization-act-2009-chipra>
678.564.1162, Press 2

INDIANA – Medicaid

Health Insurance Premium Payment Program
All other Medicaid
<https://www.in.gov/medicaid/> | 800.457.4584
Family and Social Services Administration
<http://www.in.gov/fssa/dfr/> | 800.403.0864

IOWA – Medicaid and CHIP (Hawki)

Medicaid: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid>
800.338.8366
Hawki: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/iowa-health-link/hawki>
800.257.8563
HIPP: <https://hhs.iowa.gov/programs/welcome-iowa-medicaid/fee-service/hipp>
888.346.9562

KANSAS – Medicaid

<https://www.kancare.ks.gov/>
800.792.4884 | HIPP Phone: 800.967.4660

KENTUCKY – Medicaid

Kentucky Integrated Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (KI-HIPP):
<https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/member/Pages/kihipp.aspx>
855.459.6328 | KIHIPPPROGRAM@ky.gov
KCHIP: <https://kynect.ky.gov> | 877.524.4718
Medicaid: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms>

LOUISIANA – Medicaid

www.medicaid.la.gov or www.la.gov/lahipp
888.342.6207 (Medicaid hotline) or 855.618.5488 (LaHIPP)

MAINE – Medicaid

Enrollment: https://www.mymaineconnection.gov/benefits/s/?language=en_US
800.442.6003 | TTY: Maine relay 711
Private Health Insurance Premium:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofi/applications-forms>
800.977.6740 | TTY: Maine relay 711

MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP

<https://www.mass.gov/masshealth/pa>
800.862.4840 | TTY: 711 | Email: masspreassistance@accenture.com

MINNESOTA – Medicaid

<https://mn.gov/dhs/health-care-coverage/>
800.657.3672

MISSOURI – Medicaid

<http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm>
573.751.2005

MONTANA – Medicaid

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP>
800.694.3084 | Email: HSHIPPProgram@mt.gov

NEBRASKA – Medicaid

<http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov>
Phone: 855.632.7633 | Lincoln: 402.473.7000 | Omaha: 402.595.1178

NEVADA – Medicaid

<http://dhcfnv.gov>
800.992.0900

NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid

<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/health-insurance-premium-program>
603.271.5218 | Toll free number for the HIPP program: 800.852.3345, ext. 15218 | Email: DHHS.ThirdPartyLiabi@dhhs.nh.gov

NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP

Medicaid: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid>
800.356.1561
CHIP: <http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html>
800.701.0710 (TTY: 711) | Premium Assistance: 609.631.2392

NEW YORK – Medicaid

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/
800.541.2831

NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid

<https://dma.ncdhhs.gov>
919.855.4100

NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/healthcare>
844.854.4825

OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP

<http://www.insureoklahoma.org>
888.365.3742

OREGON – Medicaid and CHIP

<http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>
800.699.9075

PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid and CHIP

<https://www.pa.gov/en/services/dhs/apply-for-medicaid-health-insurance-premium-payment-program-hipp.html>
800.692.7462
CHIP Website: <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/CHIP/Pages/CHIP.aspx>
CHIP Phone: 800.986.KIDS (5437)

RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid and CHIP

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov>
855.697.4347 or 401.462.0311 (Direct Rlte Share Line)

SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid

<http://www.scdhhs.gov>
888.549.0820

SOUTH DAKOTA – Medicaid

<http://dss.sd.gov>
888.828.0059

TEXAS – Medicaid

<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/financial/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-program>
800.440.0493

UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP

Utah's Premium Partnership for Health Insurance (UPP)
<https://medicaid.utah.gov/upp/> | Email: upp@utah.gov | 888.222.2542
Adult Expansion: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/expansion/>
Utah Medicaid Buyout Program: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/buyout-program/>
CHIP: <https://chip.utah.gov/>

VERMONT – Medicaid

<https://dvha.vermont.gov/members/medicaid/hipp-program>
800.250.8427

VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP

<https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/famis-select>
<https://coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/learn/premium-assistance/health-insurance-premium-payment-hipp-programs>
Medicaid and Chip: 800.432.5924

WASHINGTON – Medicaid

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/>
800.562.3022

WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/> or <http://mywvhipp.com/>
Medicaid: 304.558.1700
CHIP Toll-free: 855.MyWVHIPP (855.699.8447)

WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/badgercareplus/p-10095.htm>
800.362.3002

WYOMING – Medicaid

<https://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/medicaid/programs-and-eligibility/>
800.251.1269

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since July 31, 2025, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration
www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa
866.444.EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
www.cms.hhs.gov
877.267.2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

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