

Medicaid Services for Children (Only)

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Mississippi Health Benefits for Children

Health benefits for children from birth to age 19 are provided through Medicaid. Some children may be eligible for Medicaid. Other children whose families make too much money to qualify for Medicaid may be eligible for Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance, otherwise known as the **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**.

Families may earn up to 200% of the federal poverty level and be eligible for CHIP. To find out if your children are eligible for either program, you must fill out a Mississippi Health Benefits application.

The same application is used for Medicaid and CHIP. Applications and help filling them out are available at Medicaid Regional Offices.

**For more information call 1-877-KIDS-NOW
(1-877-543-7669).**

Other Services for Children

- Lead Screening
- Well Baby/Child Checkups
- Well Baby/Child Shots (Immunizations)
- WIC (Women, Infants, and Children nutrition and education programs)



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Do your children need health insurance?



Health insurance is a benefit every Mississippi family needs - especially for their children. But for many working families, the cost of health insurance has simply been beyond their means *until now*.

Through Mississippi Health Benefits, there are two health insurance options that cover children: the **C**hildren's **H**ealth **I**nsurance **P**rogram (CHIP) and Medicaid.

Applications for Mississippi Health Benefits are available by mail and at many locations that serve children's needs like your Medicaid Regional Offices, local health departments, community health centers, rural health clinics, Head Start centers, public schools, some hospitals and private clinics.

Families are urged to apply to see if their children are eligible for either program.

Applications will be reviewed by Medicaid to determine for which program each child is eligible .

It is possible that one child in a family may qualify for Medicaid while another may qualify for CHIP.

It is important to apply for health benefits before your children become ill. Benefits under CHIP are not retroactive. Both CHIP and Medicaid cover children from birth to age 19.

Children who currently do not have health insurance may be eligible for CHIP. (They no longer have to wait 6 months without coverage to be eligible.)

***This is not a welfare program.
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or go to <http://www.dom.state.ms.us/CHIP/chip.html> for more information on how to apply.

The income guidelines below will help determine eligibility for CHIP and Medicaid.

Both CHIP and Medicaid cover a wide range of services and have many user-friendly features.

To apply for Mississippi Health Benefits an in-person interview is required along with:

- Proof of one month's family income
- Proof of age
- Social Security Numbers for each person applying

Mail your completed Mississippi Health Benefits application, along with the required verification mentioned above to your Medicaid Regional Office. An interview will be scheduled for you.

Eligibility is continuous for one year. There are no premiums or deductibles, although there may be a small co-payment for some services for higher-income families on CHIP.

Eligibility guidelines for uninsured children up to age 19 CHIP (ME 99 - 200% FPL)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$1,634	\$2,200	\$2,767	\$3,334	\$3,900	\$4,467	\$5,034	\$5,600

For family units of more than 8 members, add \$567 for each additional family member.

Eligibility guidelines for pregnant women and infants to age 1 INFANT SURVIVAL (IS 88 - 185% FPL)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$1,511	\$2,035	\$2,560	\$3,084	\$3,608	\$4,132	\$4,656	\$5,180

For family units of more than 8 members, add \$525 for each additional family member.

Eligibility guidelines for children ages 1 to 6 EXPANDED MEDICAID (EM 87 - 133% FPL)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$1,087	\$1,463	\$1,840	\$2,217	\$2,594	\$2,971	\$3,348	\$3,724

For family units of more than 8 members, add \$377 for each additional family member.

Eligibility guidelines for children up to age 19 POVERTY LEVEL (PL 91 - 100% FPL)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monthly Income	\$817	\$1,100	\$1,384	\$1,667	\$1,950	\$2,234	\$2,517	\$2,800

For family units of more than 8 members, add \$284 for each additional family member.

[Click Here for an application](#)