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*American Indian / Alaska Native*

*Important facts about*

**CHIP** / CHILDREN'S HEALTH  
INSURANCE PROGRAM



*Knowing your child is covered brings peace of mind!*



# CHIP BACKGROUND

## What is the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)?

CHIP is a state-run federal health insurance program for uninsured children up to age 19 in families with too much income to qualify for Medicaid (Medical assistance) and that cannot afford to purchase health insurance. If your child receives care from an Indian health program or an urban Indian organizations, he or she may still be eligible for CHIP.

## What services can my child receive from the CHIP program?

The services that a state covers can vary, but these services are usually available:

- Doctor's visits
- Immunizations (vaccines)
- Dental, hearing, and vision care
- Hospital care
- Prescription medicines
- Emergency room care
- Behavioral health



## How can I sign my child up for CHIP?

Your child is not automatically signed up. Each state has different ways to sign up, but you can:

- Call 1-877-543-7669 and they will connect you to your state's program, **OR**
- Go online to [www.InsureKidsNow.gov](http://www.InsureKidsNow.gov) or [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov) and pick your state.

## Is your child eligible for CHIP?

- Maybe, but you will need to apply in your state to find out if your child is eligible for CHIP. Each state may have different eligibility rules based on family income. Your income requirement could be different depending on how many children live in your home. Calling 1-877-543-7669 will help you get more information and learn if your child is eligible.

## How much does CHIP cost?

- American Indian or Alaska Native children who are eligible for CHIP don't pay any premiums, enrollment fees or other costs in order to receive care.
- Coverage is completely free for eligible AI/AN children.



## Not sure what to do next?

*To learn more about help available, contact your Indian Health Care Provider:*

Talk to someone who can help you find the answers, like your local:

- Indian Health Care Provider,
- Community Health Representative (CHR)
- Doctor or field Nurse,
- Child's teacher,
- Medicaid office, or

You can also call 1-877-543-7669 to get more information.

### Visit:

- [www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/American-Indian-Alaska-Native/AIAN/index.html](http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/American-Indian-Alaska-Native/AIAN/index.html)
- [www.medicaid.gov/index.html](http://www.medicaid.gov/index.html)
- [www.InsureKidsNow.gov](http://www.InsureKidsNow.gov)



