

## **Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility**

### **Medicaid**

The Utah Medicaid program pays medical bills for people who have low incomes or cannot afford the cost of health care and who are found eligible for the program. Persons seeking assistance to pay for medical services must apply with a Medicaid outreach office. To be eligible, applicants must qualify for a category of Medicaid based on citizenship, assets, and monthly income. Full Medicaid benefits are available only to U.S. citizens and legal residents. A person who is not a citizen or legal resident may qualify for Emergency Services Program. To find out a complete list of requirements to receive Medicaid, contact your local Medicaid office.

### **CHIP**

CHIP, or Children's Health Insurance Program, is a state health insurance plan for children under the age of 19. Many working Utah families who don't have other health insurance qualify for CHIP. Children qualify for CHIP based on family income and size. CHIP covers:

- Well-child exams
- Immunizations
- Health care provider visits
- Health care provider services
- Prescriptions
- Hearing and eye exams
- Mental health services
- Dental services for the prevention and treatment of tooth decay

To apply for CHIP, you must register during an open enrollment period. To find out when open enrollment is, watch and listen for TV, radio, and other announcements. You may also call 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

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