



**MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM
HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN**



Welcome to the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), a health insurance program for children up to age 19 and pregnant women. This program gives free and low cost health care to children and pregnant women in families with low to average incomes. Covered services include in-patient hospital care, medical doctor visits, lab tests, dental care, eye care, medicines and immunizations. Income before taxes and other deductions is counted.

Free Coverage for Children

Beginning March 1, 2006, the yearly qualifying income levels for children are:

\$19,600 for a family of 1	\$33,200 for a family of 3	\$46,800 for a family of 5
\$26,400 for a family of 2	\$40,000 for a family of 4	Add \$6,800 for each additional member

Free Coverage for Pregnant Women

Beginning March 1, 2006, the yearly qualifying income levels for pregnant women are:

\$33,000 for a family of 2*	\$41,500 for a family of 3	\$58,500 for a family of 5
*pregnant woman and unborn child	\$50,000 for a family of 4	Add \$8,500 for each additional member

Low-Cost Coverage for Children

If you are not eligible for free health care services through MCHP, your children may be eligible for MCHP *Premium*. You will pay a low monthly premium to purchase health coverage for your children. If you are interested in this program, answer "yes" to Question 6 on the application. The cost per family is \$44.00 - \$55.00 per month. This amount changes slightly each year. The yearly qualifying income levels beginning March 1, 2006 are:

\$29,400 for a family of 1	\$49,800 for a family of 3	\$70,200 for a family of 5
\$39,600 for a family of 2	\$60,000 for a family of 4	Add \$10,200 for each additional member

The qualifying income amount changes every year. **IMPORTANT:** Even if your income is a little higher than the amount shown for your family size, you and your children may still qualify if you work, pay for childcare, alimony or child support. Therefore, please apply.

Please take the time to fill out the application and mail or bring it to your local health department. A list of the local health departments is located on the last page of the application form. If you need help completing the application, or help in your language, please call your local health department.

We know how expensive health care can be. We are pleased that Maryland can offer this help to you as you continue to work to meet the health care needs of your family.

"Si usted necesita esta solicitud en Español, llame al 1-800-456-8900 o su departamento de salud local. Si necesita ayuda para llenar esta solicitud, llame a su departamento de salud local. En la parte de atrás de la solicitud encontrará un listado de todos los departamentos de salud locales" .

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