



Information for families of children with special needs

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KidsCare Health Insurance



Arizona's Federal Title XXI (S-CHIP) program, or "KidsCare", provides health insurance to children whose families earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid. The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is the state agency that administers KidsCare and the state's other insurance programs. The KidsCare program was established in 1998 by the Arizona State Legislature. As of January 2009, 61,198 children received health insurance through KidsCare.

WHO is Eligible?

- Child under age 19
- U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant (parent's citizenship/immigration status does not affect child's eligibility)
- Arizona resident with Social Security Number
- Household income is at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (e.g. monthly income ? \$3,675 for family of 4 in 2009)
- Not eligible for Medicaid programs or state employees health benefits plan
- No health insurance coverage for last 3 months. However, this requirement is waived for chronically or seriously ill children.

WHAT Services Are Covered?

- Doctor & Specialist care
- Prescriptions & medical supplies
- Surgeries & hospital stays
- Lab & x-ray services
- 24-hour emergency medical care
- Physical exams
- Behavioral health services
- Pregnancy care
- Emergency/Non-emergency medical transportation
- Occupational, physical & speech therapies
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services including:
 - immunizations, dental, eye & hearing screening/treatment

HOW MUCH Does it Cost?

KidsCare monthly premium is based on household income and number of children who qualify:

\$10 - \$50/month for household with 1 child (as of 6/1/09)

\$15 - \$70/ month for 2 or more children

Certain Native Americans enrolled with a federally recognized tribe receive KidsCare at no cost.

HOW Are Services Delivered?

AHCCCS uses a "managed care" system for all of its health insurance programs, including KidsCare. The state contracts with healthcare plans in each county to contract with doctors to provide KidsCare services.

You choose an AHCCCS health plan that serves your county, then you select a doctor ("primary care physician") who works with that plan. If you already have a doctor, check with the doctor's office to see if they serve AHCCCS plan members. If you don't choose a health plan or doctor, one will be assigned by AHCCCS. You cannot change health plans until the following year on your AHCCCS enrollment date.

Native Americans may choose to receive healthcare services at Indian Health Services (IHS) facilities instead of through an AHCCCS health plan.

WHAT DOCUMENTS Do I Need?

Proof of income for current & previous months (paycheck stubs or tax returns)

Proof of child support payments (court order)

Proof of Citizenship/immigration status (birth certificate, hospital or religious record of birth, passport, etc.)

Proof of Identity (day care/school records, tribal ID, doctor/clinic/hospital records)

Proof of Native American Status (if applicable)

WHERE Do I Apply?

No personal interview is required for KidsCare. To get an application, you can:

Apply Online: <https://www.healtharizona.org/app>

Download from the Internet then mail or fax back: <http://www.kidscare.state.az.us>

Call: 602/417-5437 or 877/764-5437 toll free