



Medicaid & CHIP (Ohio Healthy Start)

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a health insurance program. It is for eligible low-income people.

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

It is a free or low cost health insurance program. It is under Ohio Medicaid. It is for eligible children and teens under the age of 19. CHIP also covers U.S. citizens and eligible immigrants. CHIP is called Healthy Start in Ohio.

What does it cover?

- Checkups and shots
- Dental and eye care
- Regular doctor visits
- X-rays and other tests
- Hospital care
- Prescriptions

First you need to apply.

- There are many ways to apply. You can apply online, on the phone, or in person. You may need to provide certain papers and information when you apply.
- Apply online. Go to <https://benefits.ohio.gov>
- Call the Ohio Medicaid Hotline for help applying online or over the phone. Call 1.800.324.8680
- You can apply in person at your local Job and Family Services.

Then you can pick a plan. There are five Medicaid plans for Ohioans.

Buckeye Community Plan

- Online at www.bchpohio.com
- Call 1-866 246-4358

CareSource

- Online at www.caresource.com
- Call 216-839-1001

Molina Healthcare

- Online at www.molinahealthcare.com
- Call 1-800-642-4168

Paramount Advantage

- Online at www.paramounthealthcare.com
- Call 1-800-462-3589

United Healthcare Community Plan

- Online at www.uhcommunityplan.com
- Call 1-800-895-2017

How can I find a Provider that accepts my Medicaid or Ohio Healthy Start (CHIP) plan?

- Ask your current doctor or pharmacist. See if they accept Medicaid or Healthy Start. You will need to find a new provider if they do not.
- Check the state Medicaid website. Go online to <http://ohiomh.com/>
- Call the number on your eligibility letter, also on the back of your enrollment card for help.