

# Important Information About the HIPP for Kids Program

## What is the HIPP for Kids Program?

The Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) for Kids Program is a program that may be available to Medicaid eligible members under the age of 19. HIPP for Kids helps by paying their entire medical insurance premium.

## Why do I want other insurance?

- Your health insurance plan may cover services that are not covered by Medicaid.
- HIPP allows you to have health insurance you might not otherwise be able to afford.

## What makes me eligible for HIPP for Kids?

- Someone in your home under the age of 19 has full coverage Medicaid.
- You must have, or be able to get health insurance through your employer.
- Your health insurance must meet eligibility criteria.

## Is there a cost to enroll in HIPP for Kids?

No. Your insurance coverage pays first. Medicaid will pay co-pays, deductibles/co-insurance for the Medicaid eligible and their parents enrolled on the health plan for eligible Medicaid covered services.



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## How do you decide if my insurance is eligible for participation?

- The HIPP for Kids Program evaluates the employer health plan to ensure it provides comprehensive medical services.
  - The employer must pay at least 40% of the total cost of the health insurance premium.
- Important:** To make this decision you need to return any information we may ask for in order to evaluate the health insurance.

## The HIPP for Kids Program does not provide premium assistance for:

- Health insurance plans that pay income to the policyholder or pay limited amounts for services.
- Health insurance plans that are limited to a temporary period of time.
- Health insurance plans that are not comprehensive.
- High-deductible health plans (HDHPs) where the annual deductible per individual is \$1,200 or more, and/or \$2,400 or more for a family plan (2 or more people). (Updated annually by the Department of Treasury).
- Non-medical insurance premiums, such as dental or vision insurance.

## How do I apply for HIPP for Kids?

You can get a HIPP Application and Employer Insurance Verification (EIV) form:

- by calling the HIPP Unit at 1-800-432-5924 **or**
  - online at <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/rcp-HIPP.htm> **or**
  - by calling your local Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Follow application instructions carefully.
  - Sign the EIV Form and have your employer complete required information.
  - Mail to DMAS the completed HIPP Application Form (address is located on the application) and EIV with copies of your:
    - Most current pay stub (showing insurance deduction), and
    - Family members' insurance cards (front and back copies of the health, dental and vision cards), and
    - Health insurance Summary of Benefits (usually a summary of what is covered under the insurance plan, to include co-insurance, deductibles and your cost for co-pays.
    - DMAS will determine if you qualify for either of our HIPP Programs

## Questions?

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