

New York Public Insurance Programs

You and/or members of your family may be eligible for New York State's free or low-cost public health insurance programs. These programs have varying eligibility requirements based on income, assets, immigration status, and other factors.

Medicaid Program – You automatically eligible if you are low-income, if you receive SSI or public assistance, or are living with a disability. The caveat is that you must be a citizen or documented immigrant. Covered services usually include doctor visits, hospital care, vaccinations, prescription drugs, vision, hearing, long-term care, and preventative care for children.

Children's Medicaid/Child Health Plus – Many children are eligible for Children's Medicaid. To enroll you must be a New York State Resident. Child Health Plus covers children under the age of 19 who are not covered by Medicaid. There are no immigration requirements, but you must be a New York State Resident.

Emergency Medicaid – This program cannot be applied for ahead of time. It is designed to a sudden, critical medical need. Individuals must meet certain income criteria (like for Regular Medicaid) but there are no restrictions due to citizenship or legal immigration.

Family Health Plus Program – This is a program for adults who are aged 19-64 who have income too high to qualify for Medicaid. Family Health Plus is available to single adults, couples without children, and parents who are residents of New York State and are United States citizens or fall under one of many immigration categories. Services include prevention, primary care, hospitalization, prescriptions, and other services. There are minimal co-payments for some of these services. For more information, call 1-877-934-7587.

Working People with Disabilities – The Medicaid Buy-In program offers Medicaid coverage to people with disabilities who are working, and earning more than the allowable limits for regular Medicaid, the opportunity to retain their health care coverage through Medicaid. This program allows working people with disabilities to earn more income without the risk of losing vital health care coverage. For more information, call: 1-800-541-2831.

Family Planning Benefit Program- program that provides family planning services to teens, women and men who meet certain income and residency requirements, and who are not enrolled in Medicaid or Family Health Plus. (I.e. family planning, ob-gyn exams, contraceptives, etc.) Must be a NY resident and have a satisfactory immigration status.

Medicare Savings Program – Medicare is plan for people 65 or older, people under 65 with certain disabilities, and people with end-stage renal disease. Medicare helps to pay for care in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospice care, and some home health care. Coverage can also include doctors' services and prescription drugs. The Savings Program helps people to pay for their Medicare premium payments.

*For more detailed information on any of these programs, call the New York State Department of Health at: 1-800-541-2831.

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Where to Enroll

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has enrollers who will assist individuals and families with completing an application for public health insurance programs at any one of the following clinic locations. Additionally, individuals and families can access other free health services including immunizations, sexually transmitted disease testing, tuberculosis services, and flu shots. There are no income or immigration status requirements to receive these services. The clinics are open to the general public.

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Clinics Website: www.nyc.gov/health	Telephone Number
Chelsea Health Center 303 Ninth Avenue, 1st Floor New York, New York 10001	(212) 244-0841
Corona Health Center 34-33 Junction Boulevard, Basement Jackson Heights, New York 11372	(718) 476-7860
Crown Heights Health Center 1219 Prospect Place, Basement Brooklyn, New York 11213	(718) 953-8234/8236
Fort Greene Health Center 295 Flatbush Avenue, 5th Floor Brooklyn, New York 11201	(718) 643-4467/4445
Homecrest Health Center 1601 Avenue S, 1st Floor Brooklyn, New York 11229	(718) 336-2553 x144/145
Jamaica Health Center 90-37 Parsons Boulevard, Basement Jamaica, New York 11437	(718) 262-5512
Staten Island Health Center 51 Stuyvesant Place, Room 203 Staten Island, New York 10301	(718) 420-4714
Tremont Health Center 1826 Arthur Avenue, Basement Bronx, New York 10457	(718) 466-8842/8883
Washington Heights Health Center 600 West 168th Street, 2nd Floor New York, New York 10032	(212) 491-1661/4453

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