

Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, your state may have a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage, using funds from their Medicaid or CHIP programs. If you or your children aren't eligible for Medicaid or CHIP, you won't be eligible for these premium assistance programs but you may be able to buy individual insurance coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in New York State, contact the New York State Health Insurance Marketplace to find out if premium assistance is available to you at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov or dial **1.855.355.5777**.

If you or your dependents are NOT currently enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or any of your dependents might be eligible for either of these programs, visit the New York State Medicaid or CHIP office website at www.health.ny.gov/healthcare/medicaid/ or dial **1-800-541-2831** to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask if there is a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

Please note that you must meet income/resource and eligibility requirements in order to qualify for these programs.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, and are also eligible for coverage under the Greene County employee health insurance plans, Greene County must allow you to enroll in the County plan if you are not already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in the Greene County plan, please contact the **Greene County Human Resources Department** at **(518) 719-3615** or **(518) 719-3775**. You may also contact the Department of Labor at www.askebsa.dol.gov or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)** if you have any further questions.