

# ***SEAFARERS HEALTH AND BENEFITS PLAN***

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

***NOTE: The Seafarers Health and Benefits Plan is required by federal law to send this notice. However, it is unlikely that the provisions in this notice will apply to most participants in this Plan.***

Dear Participant:

If you or your children are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP and you're eligible for health coverage from your employer, or through a health plan that your employer contributes to on your behalf, 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. For more information, visit [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). ***However, since the Seafarers Health and Benefits Plan (SHBP) does not charge a premium for coverage, the premium assistance and Marketplace coverage would only apply to you if you are receiving COBRA benefits from the Plan, and you are paying for your coverage.***

If you or your dependents are already enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP and you live in a State listed below, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office to find out if premium assistance is available.

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, contact your State Medicaid or CHIP office or dial **1-877-KIDS NOW** or [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply. If you qualify, ask your state if it has a program that might help you pay the premiums for an employer-sponsored plan.

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, as well as eligible under your employer plan, your employer must allow you to enroll in your employer plan if you aren't 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 your employer plan, contact the Department of Labor at [www.askebsa.dol.gov](http://www.askebsa.dol.gov) or call **1-866-444-EBSA (3272)**.

If you live in one of the following states, you may be eligible for assistance paying your employer health plan premiums. The following list of states is current as of August 10, 2017. Contact your State for more information on eligibility –

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| <p align="center"><b>ALABAMA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://myalhipp.com/">http://myalhipp.com/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-855-692-5447</p>   | <p align="center"><b>FLORIDA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/">http://flmedicaidtprecovery.com/hipp/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-877-357-3268</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>ALASKA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>The AK Health Insurance Premium Payment Program<br/>           Website: <a href="http://myakhipp.com/">http://myakhipp.com/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-866-251-4861<br/>           Email: <a href="mailto:CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com">CustomerService@MyAKHIPP.com</a><br/>           Medicaid Eligibility:<br/> <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Pages/medicaid/default.aspx</a></p>  | <p align="center"><b>GEORGIA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid">http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid</a><br/>           - Click on Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP)<br/>           Phone: 404-656-4507</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>ARKANSAS – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://myarhipp.com/">http://myarhipp.com/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-855-MyARHIPP (855-692-7447)</p>   | <p align="center"><b>INDIANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Healthy Indiana Plan for low-income adults 19-64<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/">http://www.in.gov/fssa/hip/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-877-438-4479<br/>           All other Medicaid<br/>           Website: <a href="http://www.indianamedicaid.com">http://www.indianamedicaid.com</a><br/>           Phone 1-800-403-0864</p>                                  |
| <p align="center"><b>COLORADO – Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) &amp; Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)</b></p> <p>Health First Colorado Website:<br/> <a href="https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/">https://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/</a><br/>           Health First Colorado Member Contact Center:<br/>           1-800-221-3943/ State Relay 711<br/>           CHP+: <a href="http://Colorado.gov/HCPF/Child-Health-Plan-Plus">Colorado.gov/HCPF/Child-Health-Plan-Plus</a><br/>           CHP+ Customer Service: 1-800-359-1991/<br/>           State Relay 711</p> | <p align="center"><b>IOWA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:<br/> <a href="http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp">http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hipp</a><br/>           Phone: 1-888-346-9562</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>KANSAS – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/">http://www.kdheks.gov/hcf/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-785-296-3512</p>  | <p align="center"><b>NEW HAMPSHIRE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:<br/> <a href="http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oi/documents/hippapp.pdf">http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/oi/documents/hippapp.pdf</a><br/>           Phone: 603-271-5218</p>   |
| <p align="center"><b>KENTUCKY – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm">http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/default.htm</a><br/>           Phone: 1-800-635-2570</p>  | <p align="center"><b>NEW JERSEY – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website:<br/> <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/">http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/</a><br/>           Medicaid Phone: 609-631-2392<br/>           CHIP Website:<br/> <a href="http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html">http://www.njfamilycare.org/index.html</a><br/>           CHIP Phone: 1-800-701-0710</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>LOUISIANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:<br/> <a href="http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331">http://dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/subhome/1/n/331</a><br/>           Phone: 1-888-695-2447</p>  | <p align="center"><b>NEW YORK – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website:<br/> <a href="https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/">https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/</a><br/>           Phone: 1-800-541-2831</p>  |

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| <p align="center"><b>MAINE – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofc/public-assistance/index.html">http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ofc/public-assistance/index.html</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-442-6003<br/> TTY: Maine relay 711</p>   | <p align="center"><b>NORTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/">https://dma.ncdhhs.gov/</a><br/> Phone: 919-855-4100</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>MASSACHUSETTS – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/">http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/masshealth/</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-862-4840</p>  | <p align="center"><b>NORTH DAKOTA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/">http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/medicalserv/medicaid/</a><br/> Phone: 1-844-854-4825</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>MINNESOTA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://mn.gov/dhs/people-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/medical-assistance.jsp">http://mn.gov/dhs/people-serve/seniors/health-care/health-care-programs/programs-and-services/medical-assistance.jsp</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-657-3739</p> | <p align="center"><b>OKLAHOMA – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.insureoklahoma.org">http://www.insureoklahoma.org</a><br/> Phone: 1-888-365-3742</p>   |
| <p align="center"><b>MISSOURI – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm">http://www.dss.mo.gov/mhd/participants/pages/hipp.htm</a><br/> Phone: 573-751-2005</p>  | <p align="center"><b>OREGON – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx">http://healthcare.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx</a><br/> <a href="http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html">http://www.oregonhealthcare.gov/index-es.html</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-699-9075</p>         |
| <p align="center"><b>MONTANA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP">http://dphhs.mt.gov/MontanaHealthcarePrograms/HIPP</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-694-3084</p>   | <p align="center"><b>PENNSYLVANIA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm">http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/medicalassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/index.htm</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-692-7462</p>      |
| <p align="center"><b>NEBRASKA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov">http://www.ACCESSNebraska.ne.gov</a><br/> Phone: (855) 632-7633<br/> Lincoln: (402) 473-7000<br/> Omaha: (402) 595-1178</p>  | <p align="center"><b>RHODE ISLAND – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/</a><br/> Phone: 855-697-4347</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>NEVADA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="https://dwss.nv.gov/">https://dwss.nv.gov/</a><br/> Medicaid Phone: 1-800-992-0900</p>  | <p align="center"><b>SOUTH CAROLINA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.scdhhs.gov">https://www.scdhhs.gov</a><br/> Phone: 1-888-549-0820</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>SOUTH DAKOTA - Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://dss.sd.gov">http://dss.sd.gov</a><br/> Phone: 1-888-828-0059</p>  | <p align="center"><b>WASHINGTON – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program">http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/program-administration/premium-payment-program</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-562-3022 ext. 15473</p> |
| <p align="center"><b>TEXAS – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://gethipptexas.com/">http://gethipptexas.com/</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-440-0493</p>   | <p align="center"><b>WEST VIRGINIA – Medicaid</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="http://mywvhipp.com/">http://mywvhipp.com/</a><br/> Toll-free phone: 1-855-MyWVHIPP (1-855-699-8447)</p>  |
| <p align="center"><b>UTAH – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Medicaid Website: <a href="https://medicaid.utah.gov/">https://medicaid.utah.gov/</a><br/> CHIP Website: <a href="http://health.utah.gov/chip">http://health.utah.gov/chip</a><br/> Phone: 1-877-543-7669</p>   | <p align="center"><b>WISCONSIN – Medicaid and CHIP</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf">https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10095.pdf</a><br/> Phone: 1-800-362-3002</p>  |

| <b>VERMONT – Medicaid</b>  | <b>WYOMING – Medicaid</b>   |
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| Website: <a href="http://www.greenmountaincare.org/">http://www.greenmountaincare.org/</a><br>Phone: 1-800-250-8427  | Website: <a href="https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/">https://wyequalitycare.acs-inc.com/</a><br>Phone: 307-777-7531 |
| <b>VIRGINIA – Medicaid and CHIP</b>  |   |
| Medicaid Website:<br><a href="http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm">http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm</a><br>Medicaid Phone: 1-800-432-5924<br>CHIP Website:<br><a href="http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm">http://www.coverva.org/programs_premium_assistance.cfm</a><br>CHIP Phone: 1-855-242-8282 |   |

To see if any other states have added a premium assistance program since August 10, 2017, or for more information on special enrollment rights, contact either:

U.S. Department of Labor  
 Employee Benefits Security Administration  
[www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/agencies/ebsa)  
 1-866-444-EBSA (3272)

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
[www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov)  
 1-877-267-2323, Menu Option 4, Ext. 61565

Sincerely,

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