



2003 Health Status Survey

Utah Department of Health Programs Fact Sheet

The Utah Department of Health (UDOH) has many programs to cover the uninsured and help the uninsured access health services. This fact sheet provides a guide to these programs.

Medicaid

Medicaid pays medical and some dental expenses for people who qualify. Currently, Medicaid covers nearly 170,000 individuals, including families, children, pregnant women, aged, blind, and disabled people. To qualify, non-financial criteria must be met as well as income and asset criteria. Medicaid has different categories, each has its own income and asset criteria. For example: a family with children who do not have parental support due to the death, absence, or incapacity of a parent, and who meet the income and resource guidelines based on their family size may qualify. State Medicaid dollars are matched by federal dollars. About 72 cents out of every Medicaid dollar is contributed by the federal government. For more information about Medicaid, visit www.health.utah.gov/medicaid, or call the Medicaid Information Line at 1-800-662-9651.

The Primary Care Network

The Primary Care Network (PCN) is a health insurance plan for adults funded jointly by the state and federal governments. PCN provides preventive medical and dental services to adults who are ages 19-64, have no other health insurance, do not have access to health insurance through work, are U.S. or legal residents, and meet income guidelines. To receive PCN, you must qualify based on family size and household income. For example, a family of four earning up to \$28,275 a year may meet income guidelines. A yearly fee of \$50 is required to enroll and small co-pays are charged for services. PCN is currently at capacity and applications are not being accepted. The federal government requires PCN to enroll more parents than people without children. Because of this, PCN schedules separate enrollment times for parents and those without children. PCN can cover up to 19,000 Utahs. About 6,000 applications are being evaluated for PCN as a result of May's open enrollment for parents. For more information about PCN, call the UDOH's Health Resource Line at 1-888-222-2542, or visit www.health.utah.gov/pcn

CHIP

Utah's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a health insurance plan for children funded jointly by the federal and state governments. To receive CHIP, children must qualify based on family size and household income. For example, a family of four earning up to \$37,700 a year may qualify. In addition, to qualify children must be younger than 19, be a U.S. citizen or legal resident, and be currently uninsured. Once enrolled on CHIP, families may be required to pay premiums of up to \$25 every three months. Premiums and small co-pays make it possible for CHIP to insure more children. Dental benefits are also provided. CHIP can cover an average of 28,000 children per month. More than 10,000 applications are being evaluated for CHIP as a result of May's 10-day open enrollment. To apply for CHIP, watch for open enrollment. Dates are announced on TV, radio, and the CHIP website. Call the toll-free number 1-877-KIDS-NOW or visit online at www.health.utah.gov/chip to find out more.

Covered at Work

Covered at Work helps Utah adults pay for their health insurance at work. Typically, employers and employees each contribute to the cost of health insurance premiums. Now, the UDOH is joining with them to provide up to \$50 per month to help employees pay their share. If your health insurance premium at work is more than 5 percent of your income, you may qualify. You also must be age 19-64,

U.S. citizens or legal residents, have access to health insurance at work, and meet income guidelines. For instance, a single person who earns about \$13,965 per year would meet income guidelines. Up to 6,000 working Utahns may enroll. Applications are now being accepted for Covered at Work. Apply online at www.health.utah.gov/caw or call the UDOH's Health Resource Line at 1-888-222-2542 to get an application.

Other Utah Department of Health programs to help the uninsured include:

- **RxConnect Utah** connects people with programs to help them get affordable prescriptions – 1-866-221-0265 or www.health.utah.gov/rxconnectutah
- **Utah Cancer Control Program** offers breast and cervical cancer screening to women who qualify - 1-800-717-1811 or www.utahcancer.org
- **Tobacco Prevention and Control Program** leads the fight against tobacco-related death, disease, and economic burdens in Utah by mobilizing the state to support tobacco-free lifestyles and environments -1-888-567-TRUTH, <http://utahquitnet.com>, or <http://www.tobaccofreeutah.org/>
- **Primary Care Grants Program** helps fund programs that increase access to primary care for underserved and vulnerable Utahns – 801-538-6818 or http://health.utah.gov/primary_care/primarycare.html
- **Baby Your Baby** encourages pregnant women to visit their health care provider before their 13th week of pregnancy and make at least 13 visits to their provider throughout pregnancy - 1-800-826-9662 or www.babyyourbaby.org
- **Children with Special Health Care Needs** clinics are provided in conjunction with the child's Medical Home provider for children who have or who are at risk for having a developmental disability or chronic illness – 801-584-8284 or 1-800-829-8200 or <http://health.utah.gov/cshcn/>
- **BabyWatch/Early Intervention** programs offer services to children 0-3 years who have a developmental delay or a condition with a high probability of developmental delay – 1- 800-961-4226 or 801-584-8226 or <http://www.utahbabywatch.org/>
- **Oral Health Program** works to advance the health and well-being of Utahns by promoting prevention of oral disease and by helping to assure access to timely and affordable oral health care services – (801) 538-9177 or <http://health.utah.gov/oralhealth/>
- **STD/HIV/Hepatitis C, and tuberculosis** testing, monitoring, and coordination –
- 1-800-537-1046 or <http://health.utah.gov/els/hiv aids/>
- **WIC** is a supplemental nutrition program that provides nutrition education, lactation counseling and food vouchers for women, infants and children up to 5 yrs of age- 1-877-WIC KIDS or visit <http://health.utah.gov/wic/>
- Many health care services are offered to the uninsured through clinics at **local health departments**.

Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs like community health clinics and charity care also provide essential services to the uninsured. These essential services are provided by non-profit groups, hospitals, health care organizations, and health care providers. For a list of community health clinics, please visit the Association for Utah Community Health's website at www.auch.org