

How To Get Help With Your Medical Bills

PURPOSE: In these trying times, we want to help you identify alternative resources for medical insurance coverage. If you have lost your medical insurance coverage or do not have medical insurance, you may be eligible for subsidized coverage, continued coverage under COBRA benefits, or Medicaid.

Alternative Resources:

1. Elect continuation of coverage through COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act). COBRA generally requires that group health plans sponsored by employers with 20 or more employees in the prior year offer employees and their families the opportunity for a temporary extension of health coverage (called continuation coverage) in certain instances where coverage under the plan would otherwise end. Employers are required to notify employees of this option. **If you have not received a notice in the mail with instructions to elect this option, please contact the employer for which the health plan was previously provided by.**

2. You can apply for subsidized health insurance or Medicaid through the Marketplace at <https://www.healthcare.gov/get-coverage/>
 - a) Complete a 2020 application.
 - b) View your "Eligibility Results."
 - c) Get coverage:
 - i) If you qualify for a Special Enrollment Period, you can pick a plan and enroll. You may need to submit documents - check your Eligibility Results for actions and deadlines.
 - ii) If you're eligible for coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), your "Eligibility Results" will give you more information.

3. Contact your state Medicaid agency. Keep in mind that you must be a resident of the state where you are applying for benefits.

Learn more at: <https://www.usa.gov/medicaid>

State	Agency Link
AZ	https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/apply.html
FL	https://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/access/medicaid.shtml
GA	https://dfcs.georgia.gov/services/how-do-i-apply-medicaid
NC	https://medicaid.ncdhhs.gov/medicaid/get-started/eligibility-medicaid-or-health-choice
NY	https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/
TX	https://hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicaid-chip/programs-services/medical-dental-plans
WA	https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/home-and-community-services/how-apply-medicaid