



For in-depth information, contact The Children's Aid Society at (212) 358-8930 to get a complete set of KNOW YOUR RIGHTS brochures and other legal advocacy publications in both English and Spanish. You may also log onto [www.childrensaidsociety.org](http://www.childrensaidsociety.org).

**If your children meet the following criteria, they may be eligible for Child Health Plus:**

- Not eligible for Medicaid
- Under 19 years of age
- Immigration status: no restrictions; even undocumented children can apply
- Income status: some people may have to pay a small monthly premium

**Monthly Income Limits**

Annual Income for a Family of 4 (approximate figures) with the Monthly Cost of Insurance per Child/Teen under 19

Below \$26,000 .....Free

\$26,000 to \$38,000 .....\$9-\$15  
(maximum of \$45 total per family)

Over \$38,000.....Full Premium of CHP Plan  
(usually between \$100-\$120, depending on plan selected)

Pregnant women with annual incomes below approximately \$17,000 (for a family of 4) may be eligible for Medicaid. Pregnant women with annual incomes between approximately \$17,000 and \$31,000 (for a family of 4) may be eligible for Medicaid to cover perinatal (pre-birth) services only.

# how to enroll in medicaid and child health plus



For over 150 years, The Children's Aid Society has been assisting New York City's children and their families without regard to race, religion, nationality or socio-economic status. Children's Aid helps children in every aspect of their lives from infancy through adolescence, providing guidance and resources to ensure a child's current well-being and future potential. With over 100 programs and 40 locations in New York that touch the lives of more than 150,000 children every year, Children's Aid is one of the country's largest and most innovative child and family social service agencies.



Every uninsured child under 19 in New York is eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus, the state's two government-sponsored health insurance programs. Many parents are eligible for Medicaid or Family Health Plus, even if they are working.



To find out if you and/or your children qualify, you can meet with The Children's Aid Society's Health Care Access Program (HCAP). Trained, bilingual professionals are available at a variety of times in community-based settings to screen families for these programs.

### HCAP Services

The HCAP enrollment staff speaks both English and Spanish. They will tell you what documents are needed to apply, will help you to get them, and will work with you to complete the application form. After the application is completed, HCAP will submit it for you to either Medicaid or Child Health Plus.



You will *not* have to go to a Medicaid or welfare center. Your children are entitled to receive Child Health Plus even if you are in the U.S. illegally, and *no one* will report you to the Immigration and Naturalization Services (uscis). You can speak to enrollment staff at the following locations:

- PS 5  
3703 10th Ave & Dyckman Street .....(212) 740-8655
- IS 90  
21 Jumel Place .....(212) 740-8655
- PS 8  
465 West 167th Street .....(212) 740-8655
- IS 218  
4600 Broadway & 196th Street .....(212) 740-8655
- The Children's Aid Society–Mount Sinai Clinic  
14-32 West 118th Street.....(212) 369-8339
- East Harlem Community Center  
130 East 101st Street .....(212) 369-8339

If you fall into one or more of the following categories, you may be eligible for Medicaid:

- U.S. citizens
- Legal Permanent Residents (LPR) (“green card holders”) who entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996. Immigrants who received their green cards after August 22, 1996 but can prove that they were living in the U.S. before that date may also be eligible.
- Legal Permanent Residents who have worked 40 quarters in the U.S. 40 quarters means 10 years of work as defined by Social Security. You can count work done by your husband or wife, as well as work done by your parents while you were under 18 years old.
- Refugees and Asylees are eligible for Medicaid during their first 5 years in the country. If you upgrade to LPR status, you will continue to be eligible after your first 5 years in the country.

A pregnant woman does not have to give information about her immigration status. She can apply for Medicaid regardless of her immigration status.

Immigrants who do not fall into one of the above categories but who have an urgent medical problem can apply for Medicaid.

