



Our Kids' Health: What Matters Most

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For Employees...

Transitioning to a new job or leaving an old one...?

Did you know that health coverage for children 0-19 is guaranteed for qualified applicants regardless of the employment status of the parents?

PeachCare for Kids and Right from the Start Medicaid are free or very low cost children's public health insurance programs that are available to qualifying families regardless of whether parents have employer-sponsored health coverage.

If you are transitioning to a new job position and you meet eligibility requirements, you have the option of insuring your child on PeachCare for Kids or Right from the Start Medicaid instead of employer-sponsored family insurance plan. A choice that can offer significant savings to families. If you are transitioning from your old job, your child can maintain continuous coverage regardless of your employment status through enrollment in these programs.

Eligibility is based on household size and income. Renewals are required yearly. Parents, grandparents and legal guardians can apply on behalf of their children. Children stay covered as long as they qualify.

Q: What are Right from the Start Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids?

A: Right from the Start Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids are two public health insurance programs for kids 0-19. Right from the Start Medicaid is a no-cost program. PeachCare for Kids can be no-cost, or may require a small monthly premium (\$0-\$35, with a maximum of \$70 for two or more children). Premiums for PeachCare for Kids depend on your income and household size and must be paid monthly or coverage will be cancelled.

Q: What services do Right from the Start Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids cover?

A: It is health coverage that pays for doctor visits, immunizations, dental care, vision care, prescription medicines, hospital care with no deductible and low cost co-pays averaging \$0-\$3.

Q: Who is eligible for these programs?

A: Eligibility is based on gross income or taxable income (self-employed) and size of household. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or children of permanent residents for at least 5 years. Student loan interest, childcare expenses and medical debt can be deducted off gross income and many families find that they qualify after counting for these deductions.

Children under age 19 with household income up to \$47,700 per year (for a family of four) may qualify for Right from the Start Medicaid or a household income of \$58,932 (for a family of four) for PeachCare for Kids. Call an enrollment assistance partner to get screened for eligibility today!!



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What is needed to apply...

- Birth certificate (Georgia-born residents do not have to have a copy to apply)
The Social Apostolate of Savannah may be able to help obtain out-of-state birth certificates for people who are in financial hardship. They are located at 502 East Liberty Street, Savannah, (912) 233-1877
- Form of Government-issued Photo ID: e.g. Driver's License, Passport (US or foreign) State issued identification card, Consular Identification Card
- Social Security number for each child or proof that a card has been applied for.
- Income documents (for one month- i.e. one month's worth of paystubs or Form 809 for cash-only income from one employer or Form 126 - 3 months for cash-only self-employed income)

Please consult with your enrollment assister on your particular situation.

Go to <http://dch.georgia.gov/peachcare-kids> or <http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid> for more detailed information

After your application has been submitted...

An application acknowledgement letter will be sent out within 14 days of submitting an application. If not done already, an employee will have **10 days from the date of a letter** to submit all necessary documentation.

Unresolved requests will cause a case to close!

A denial or approval letter 45 days after your application submission date.



If approved, you will receive a package from Georgia Families. All children accepted into the Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids® programs must enroll in Georgia Families. You will receive information on three Care Management Organizations (CMOs) each offering different health plans.

Choose one health plan and enroll your child. If you don't enroll, a health plan and primary care physician will be chosen for you.



Fair Hearing Request

If you do not receive correspondence or an enrollment determination in a timely manner or you feel that your child has been mistakenly denied acceptance into the programs, you have a right to file a **Fair Hearing Request**. It is a very simple, one-page form to fill out and submit. Fair Hearing Request are resolved within 60 days.

Contact your enrollment assister for help!

