



# Our Kids' Health: What Matter Most

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**CALL 311** City of Savannah Information Call Center  
to find Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids enrollment/renewal help.

## *AT-A-GLANCE*

### **PEACHCARE FOR KIDS AND RIGHT FROM THE START MEDICAID**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **Q. Why is healthcare important for kids and teens?**

A: Healthy kids stay focused on learning, and are less likely to miss school days. Besides, being insured means less financial worries for the whole family.

#### **Q: What are Medicaid and PeachCare?**

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. Premiums must be paid monthly or coverage will be cancelled.

#### **Q: What services do Medicaid and PeachCare cover?**

A: Medicaid and PeachCare pay for doctor visits, immunizations, dental care, vision care, prescription medicines, hospital care, and much more.

#### **Q: I have a job. Are my kids still eligible?**

A: Yes, most children who are eligible for Medicaid and PeachCare, but are not enrolled are in working families. Working parents may not have health coverage through their jobs or the health coverage they get does not cover their children or the premiums paid qualify as "unaffordable." In some cases, if you have private health insurance, and your income is very low, you and your children may still qualify for Medicaid and receive premium assistance.

#### **Q: When can I enroll?**

A: You can enroll anytime. The process can take up to 45 days, so get started now!

#### **Q: My kids are teenagers. Are they still covered?**

A: Yes. Medicaid and PeachCare cover kids until their 19th birthday. Eligibility is still determined by income and household size.

#### **Q: Do non-U.S. citizens who are applying for Medicaid for their U.S.-born children have to prove Citizenship or legal residency status?**

A. No. If the person applying is not a U.S citizen and is applying for Medicaid for U.S. - born children,

they are not required to provide proof of their citizenship status or present a Social Security card. Permanent Resident card-holder who have been in the US for 5 years or more may apply for Medicaid and PeachCare for their children.

#### **HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ELIGIBLE?**

***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.*** It's best to contact an enrollment assistance partner who can walk you through the process as eligibility limits may change.

Whether you work or not, your kids may be eligible. Many jobs don't offer health insurance or it's too expensive to cover your children. Kids and teens should stay enrolled as long as they qualify. You do need to renew their coverage every year, however.

Parents, grandparents and legal guardians can apply on behalf of their children.

#### **APPLYING**

You can apply on your own at <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/>

OR you can get help applying through our enrollment assistance partners. They are ready to help!

#### **WHAT YOU NEED WHEN YOU 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

You will need to renew your coverage each year and will need to provide this information along with your renewal form each year.

