An Overview of the Florida KidCare Program

The State of Florida’s high-quality, low-cost health insurance for children from birth through age 18
State of Children’s Health Coverage in Florida

• 1.8 million Florida children are covered by Florida KidCare.

• An estimated 550,000 – 800,000 Florida children do not have health insurance.

• Many uninsured children qualify for Florida KidCare.

Florida KidCare has a program for almost all Florida children. Help us make these families aware of Florida KidCare.
Benefits

Florida KidCare offers a comprehensive benefits package including:

• Check-ups and immunizations
• Hospitalization
• Surgery
• Prescriptions
• Emergencies and emergency transportation
• Dental
• Vision and Hearing
• Behavioral Health
Cost

Many KidCare families pay $15-$20 a month, most pay nothing at all.

It allows parents to protect their children and their pocketbooks at the same time!
Program 1: Children’s Medicaid

• For children from birth through age 18

• Eligibility determined by the Department of Children and Families

• Eligibility is based on child’s age, household size, income and citizenship
Program 2: MediKids

• For children ages 1 through 4
• Administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration
• Services delivered through managed care plans (HMO, PSN and MediPass).
• Full-pay option available:
  • $159 per child per month w/dental
Program 3: Healthy Kids

• For children ages 5 through 18
• Administered by the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation
• Services delivered by managed care plans
• Full-pay Option:
  • $133 per child per month w/dental
  • $121 per child per month w/o dental
Program 4: Children’s Medical Services Network (CMSN)

• For children from birth through age 18
• Administered by the Florida Department of Health
• For children with special health care needs, including behavioral health (BNet)
• Children must be clinically and financially eligible
• Special network of physicians and providers

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Spread the Word

Tell families that you know about Florida KidCare.
Encourage them to apply.

The most common way families hear about Florida KidCare is from friends and family – word of mouth!
Required Documentation

• State law requires families to report all current sources of household income.

• Customer service representatives will electronically verify income, if possible.

• If no electronic verification is possible, applicants should submit legible copies of documents with parent’s name and social security number clearly printed on each copy.
Application Tips

• It’s easier to apply online! Apply at www.floridakidcare.org

• Enclosing the first month’s premium payment may result in earlier coverage.

• Make sure all documents are legible copies and the parent’s name is clearly indicated on each document.
After Applying, What Happens?

• All applications are:
  o Acknowledged by letter once received and a request for missing information is sent, if needed
  o Screened for Children’s Medicaid eligibility. If eligible, the child must enroll in Children’s Medicaid.
    • If referred to DCF, a referral letter to the family is mailed.
  o Checked for state employment
  o If an applicant indicates their child has special health care needs they are screened for CMSN
Renewal Process

- Enrollees must renew coverage every 12 months from date of enrollment.
- Pre-populated notices and forms are sent 60 days in advance of renewal date.
- Online account renewal and renewal forms are also available online at www.floridakidcare.org.
- Current income documentation is required with completed renewal form.
Help Protect Florida’s Kids

No child should have to wait until an emergency to be seen by a doctor.

With your help, we can reach Florida’s children and families and spread the word about Florida KidCare!
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