

Questions & Answers Applying for KidsCare



What is KidsCare?

KidsCare is affordable health insurance for children 18 years old or younger. KidsCare is provided by the State of Arizona and is administered by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

What medical care services are included?

- Doctor office visits
- Well Child visits and immunizations
- Physical exams
- Hospital services
- Laboratory & x-rays
- Specialist care

How much does KidsCare Cost?

All members of KidsCare (except Native Americans) must pay a monthly premium. KidsCare will cost no more than \$25 a month for one child or no more than \$35 a month for multiple children.

What are the qualifications?

For a child to qualify for KidsCare, they must:

- Be 18 years old or younger
- Be an Arizona resident
- Meet family income requirements
- Be a United States citizen or a qualified non-citizen (regardless of the status of the parents)
- Be willing to pay a monthly premium (Native Americans do not pay premiums)
- Not be covered by other health insurance
- Not qualify for health insurance through a state agency employee

What are the income guidelines?

Depending on your family size and income you may qualify for KidsCare or AHCCCS. Families who qualify for AHCCCS do not pay a premium.

May Qualify for AHCCCS (Medicaid-No monthly premium)			May Qualify for KidsCare (Monthly premium)	
Family Size	Monthly Family Income	Annual Family Income	Monthly Family Income	Annual Family Income
1	\$867	\$10,400	\$1,734	\$20,800
2	\$1,167	\$14,000	\$2,334	\$28,000
3	\$1,467	\$17,600	\$2,934	\$35,200
4	\$1,767	\$21,200	\$3,534	\$42,400
5	\$2,067	\$24,800	\$4,134	\$49,600
6	\$2,367	\$28,400	\$4,734	\$56,800

This chart shows you how much money your family can make using gross monthly income, which is all the money your family gets during a calendar month, before any taxes or deductions. If you are paid weekly, KidsCare counts 4.3 times your gross weekly pay. If you are paid every other week, KidsCare counts 2.15 times your gross biweekly pay.

What if a family makes too much to qualify?

Every year in April the Federal Poverty Levels increase. If a family is just over the income requirement, advise them to re-apply in April of next year.

because they may qualify for the program once the guidelines are increased.



How do I apply?

Applying for KidsCare is easy! You can apply by mail and no office visit or interview is required. If KidsCare needs more information for your application, they'll contact you by e-mail, phone or mail.



Where do I get an application?

You can download or request an application online at www.azkidsicare.gov or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (543-7669) to have one sent to you. If you need help with your application, there are community groups

ready to answer your questions or help you apply by using a web-based application called Health-e-Arizona. A list of where to go for help with your application is available at www.azkidsicare.gov.

How do I choose a health plan?

- KidsCare applicants must select a health plan
- The application shows which plans are available in each county
- Each health plan provides the same quality services, but each may work with different doctors, dentists, and hospitals. Before picking a plan, find out which plan works with your doctor and contact the health plans for more information



Is there anything else I should know about the application?

- The same application can be used to apply for KidsCare and AHCCCS
- An entire family can use one application
- You must select a health plan when applying
- You must sign, date and complete your application

Where do I send my completed application?

- **Return by mail to:** KidsCare, 920 E. Madison, Mail Drop 500, Phoenix, AZ 85034
- **Return by fax to:** 602.417. 5472



What happens after I send in my application?

Once KidsCare gets your completed application, including the proof, the application will be reviewed as soon as possible. KidsCare applications are screened first for AHCCCS (Medicaid) and then KidsCare. If a family/child qualifies for AHCCCS, the application will be sent to the Department of Economic Security (DES) and they may ask you for more information. You may also apply for other benefits through DES, including Food Stamp assistance.



Can Parents also apply for health insurance?

Parents may also qualify for health insurance. KidsCare parents must pay a premium in addition to the amount billed for the child's coverage. When one or both parents and child are enrolled they must pay a "Family Premium" based on household size and income. For example, a family of four making \$3200.00 a month before taxes would pay a monthly premium of about \$160.00. The application requirements for parents are the same as for children and a parent can only be covered as long as their child is enrolled.

Does applying for or being a member of KidsCare or AHCCCS affect immigration status?

No. Applying for KidsCare for your family will not affect anyone's immigration status and a parent's social security number is not required when only a child is applying for coverage.



What if my child does not qualify for KidsCare?

Programs exist in Arizona to connect families with discounted medical services.

- In Maricopa County call: 602-288-7564
- In Pima County call: 520-694-0418
- In Yuma County call: 928-627-1120.

Community Health Centers are also available to provide services on a sliding-fee scale to people who are uninsured, low-income, or unable to qualify for other insurance programs. Call 602-253-0090 to locate the health center near you.