

Free health care for your baby before and after birth.

1-877-KIDS-NOW



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Get a good start

Your unborn baby could get CHIP perinatal benefits even if you do not qualify for Medicaid for Pregnant Women. These benefits are free and available for the unborn children of moms who meet certain income requirements.



Here are some CHIP perinatal benefits:

- Up to 20 prenatal visits
- Prescriptions and prenatal vitamins
- Covers the cost of giving birth
- Two checkups for mom after the baby is born
- CHIP health care benefits for your baby after leaving the hospital, including
 - Regular checkups for the baby
 - Immunizations for the baby
 - Prescriptions for the baby
 - And more

No waiting for benefits and 12 months of coverage

CHIP perinatal benefits for your unborn baby start the first day of the month that your application is approved.

After you give birth and your baby leaves the hospital, your child will get CHIP health care benefits at no cost. For how long? That depends on how many months of CHIP perinatal benefits are used before the baby is born. Your baby gets benefits before and after birth for a total of 12 months of coverage.

The chart below shows how the 12 months can be divided depending on how far along you are in your pregnancy when your application is approved.

	Months of care before birth	+	Months of care after birth	=	Total months covered	
How many months pregnant are you?	1		9		3	12
	2		8		4	12
	3		7		5	12
	4		6		6	12
	5		5		7	12
	6		4		8	12
	7		3		9	12
	8		2		10	12
	9		1		11	12

You can apply to renew your baby's CHIP benefits when the 12 months of CHIP perinatal coverage ends.

Choose your own doctor

With CHIP perinatal you get to choose a health plan, and then you choose a health care provider from the health plan's list of doctors, clinics, and nurses. If you already have a doctor or clinic, you may be able to keep them if they are on your health plan's list.



Apply today

- Call toll-free 1-877-543-7669 for an application. Ask about people in your area that can help you fill it out.
- Visit www.CHIPmedicaid.org to download an application.
- Or, pick up an application. Call 2-1-1 to find a Texas Health and Human Services Commission benefits office near you.

We will let you know if you are able to get CHIP perinatal benefits. In most cases, you should hear from us within 3 weeks from the time you give us your application. You can call us toll-free at 1-877-543-7669 (1-877-KIDS-NOW) to check on the status of your application.

Already getting these benefits?

If so, your health plan will send you a card that shows you have CHIP perinatal coverage. **Take this card with you when you visit your doctor and when you go to the hospital.**

When your baby arrives

- Call toll-free at 1-877-543-7669 (1-877-KIDS-NOW) to let us know you your baby was born.
- After your baby is born you will need to select a doctor, clinic or nurse **for your baby**. Call your health plan if you need help.

Renew your child's health care coverage

Before your baby's CHIP coverage ends, we will send you a packet with instructions on how to renew your baby's CHIP benefits. Many families pay nothing, but depending on your income, you may need to pay a one-time fee of no more than \$50 to get one year of CHIP benefits for your child.



Visit www.CHIPmedicaid.org

Or call 1-877-KIDS-NOW, Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. (Central Time) except federal holidays.

The TTY number for people with hearing and speech impairments is 1-800-735-2988 (Relay Texas).

