

Health

Program	Description	Contact Information
<p>Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)</p>	<p>CHIP offers medical and dental health care to children under 18. Every state has a CHIP program for families who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid but not enough to pay for private insurance. Each state has different requirements and benefits and may call the program something other than "CHIP."</p> <p>Visit AARP's page about this program.</p>	<p>For information about how to contact your state's CHIP program, visit www.insurekidsnow.gov, or</p> <p>Call 1-877-543-7669.</p>
<p>Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, & Treatment (EPSDT)</p>	<p>All children who are eligible for Medicaid are also eligible for the EPSDT program. EPSDT provides children with preventive testing, health screenings, and regular checkups. It also covers the cost of treatment for most problems that are found during EPSDT checkups. This includes treatment for mental health conditions.</p>	<p>Ask about EPSDT at your local Medicaid office, or</p> <p>Contact the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid at 1-800-633-4227.</p>
<p>Medicaid</p>	<p>Medicaid is a health insurance program for people who have limited incomes. You can apply for Medicaid benefits for yourself or for a child who lives with you.</p> <p>Eligibility requirements vary from state to state.</p>	<p>Apply for Medicaid at your local Medicaid office, or</p> <p>Visit www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/statemap.aspx.</p> <p>Read AARP's article about applying for Medicaid.</p>
<p>Medicare</p>	<p>Most people think of Medicare as a federal health insurance program for people 65+. But, the program is also open to some young people who have</p>	<p>Call Medicare toll-free at 1-800-633-4227, or</p> <p>Visit www.medicare.gov.</p>

	disabilities.	
Medicare Savings Program	Medicare Savings Programs are state benefits that help pay for the Medicare Part B Premium that is taken out of your Social Security check.	Applications can be made at your local Health and Human Services office. For more information, call Medicare toll-free at 1-800-633-4227.
State Prescription Drug Assistance	Thirty-nine states help low-income people pay for their prescriptions. Older people with low incomes can receive help. So can people who have a disability.	Contact your local Office of Aging, or The Department of Health and Human Services. Read AARP's state-by-state listing of prescription programs.
Medicare Prescription Drug Insurance	Starting in 2006, Medicare will offer drug coverage that helps people with Medicare pay for the prescriptions they need. Medicare prescription drug coverage is available to all people with Medicare. There is extra help for those who need it most (for individuals who earn less than \$14,355/year and have less than \$11,500 in assets and couples who earn less than \$19,245/year and have less than \$23,000 in assets). Read AARP's extensive information about this program	Information is online at www.medicare.gov or, Call 1-800-MEDICARE (633-4227), or You can apply for the extra help online at www.ssa.gov . You can get help with completing the application by calling 1-800-772-1213 (TTY users can call 1-800-325-0778.)

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