



Fact Sheet: The Alabama Health Insurance Premium Payment Program

...sponsored by The Alabama Medicaid Agency



- 1. The Alabama Health Insurance Premium Payment program is sponsored by the Alabama Medicaid Agency.
- 2. AL HIPP is free. This program reimburses Medicaid recipients for the cost of group health insurance provided by their job or through COBRA.
- 3. Qualified Medicaid recipients have most out-of-pocket expenses covered by Medicaid when a recipient elects to go to a Medicaid provider.
- Some will qualify to receive reimbursements for the cost of a family plan that covers non-Medicaid recipients.
- 5. Qualified members will receive benefits from both AL HIPP and Medicaid at the same time.
- 6. Federal law allows employees to apply to HIPP outside of the employer's open enrollment period within 60 days of eligibility determination.
- 7. Those interested can contact the HIPP program toll-free at 1-855-MyALHIPP between Monday to Friday 8am-5pm.
- Documents can be sent by FAX: 855-357-1130 or mail: AL HIPP, 3066 Zelda Rd. Box 233, Montgomery, AL 36106.
- **9.** Those interested may apply online at www.MyALHIPP.com, click Apply.
- 10. Applicants can choose to enroll in their job's health insurance policy after applying to HIPP.
- 11. In some cases, health insurance is offered to recently terminated employees for up to 18 months, this is known as COBRA. For more information, contact your Benefits Coordinator.
- 12. Pre-qualifying individuals have access to group health insurance and have at least one Medicaid dependent.
- 13. To be eligible for HIPP, the annual cost of an applicant's health insurance policy must be less than the entire annual cost of their Medicaid dependent's medical expenses.
- 14. A Medicaid dependent does NOT need to have a catastrophic illness to be eligible for HIPP.
- 15. Any individual with a medically expensive condition will be considered for the HIPP program.
- **16.** A determination letter will be mailed within 30 days of submitting an application and other documentation.
- 17. When applying to HIPP, an applicant must provide the following:
 - a. Policyholder's social security number
 - b. Policy number & group number
 - c. Employer & employee share of premium cost
 - d. Medicaid recipient(s) name & Medicaid identification number
- 18. Applicants must send in the following documents along with their completed application:
 - a. A copy of the front and back of their insurance card
 - b. Policy rate sheet provided by a Human Resources Department
 - c. Summary of benefits
 - d. Paystub that includes premium deduction
- 19. HIPP members will receive premium reimbursements each month for as long as they provide proof of monthly premium deduction.
- 20. If a member becomes ineligible at any time, they will receive a letter in the mail stating why they are no longer eligible for HIPP membership.
- 21. HIPP eligibility does not affect Medicaid eligibility.