

For More Information

For more information or application assistance, contact your local DSS office nearest you.

IHS Patient Benefits Coordinators are also available to assist you in completing an application for Medicaid/CHIP.

Your health and the health of your family is important. If you are eligible or believe you might be eligible, now is the time to apply for Medicaid/CHIP.

The sooner you apply, the sooner you may be eligible for Medicaid/CHIP and receive the services necessary to stay healthy. Invest in your family and apply today.

The Department of Social Services is committed to helping families succeed by supporting quality programs and services to assist them. Information regarding other programs and services within DSS can be found online at dss.sd.gov.

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Medical Assistance for Children & Families in South Dakota

How you can become eligible for Medicaid or CHIP

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Why should I apply for Medicaid/CHIP when I have access to tribally-operated facilities?

Native Americans may be eligible for both Medicaid/Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and other tribal health benefits, including services at Indian Health Services (IHS).

Many Native Americans receive health care services at Indian Health Services (IHS) or other tribally-operated facilities. These facilities have a limited amount of money. When services are received at tribally-operated facilities and the person is enrolled in Medicaid/CHIP, the tribally-operated facility may receive money for the cost of the services from the Medicaid/CHIP program. This money can be used by the tribally-operated facility to improve their services or provide additional services.

In addition to covering services at Indian Health Services (IHS) or other tribally-operated facilities, Medicaid/CHIP may cover services that may not be provided by the tribally-operated facility such as dental and vision services.





What is Medicaid/CHIP?

Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are medical assistance programs available to help pay for necessary medical services individuals need to stay healthy. Services for Native Americans are FREE most of the time.

These services may include:

- Hospital stays
- Dental
- Vision
- Doctor visits
- Prescription drugs
- Nursing home care
- Other health care needs

How do I apply for Medicaid/CHIP?

It is easy to apply for Medicaid/CHIP!

Individuals do not have to go to the local Department of Social Services (DSS) office to apply. Applications can be mailed or faxed to the nearest DSS office along with the required information. Applications are available at local DSS offices, schools, hospitals, clinics (including Indian Health Services and other tribally-operated facilities), and other community locations.

Applications can be requested by calling 1.877.999.5612.

An application can also be printed from the following website: dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/

There is also the option to apply online: dss.sd.gov/applyonline

Individuals are encouraged to apply whenever they think they may be eligible for medical assistance.