

Your Child's Health. Your Family's Future.

New Approach to the Health Coverage Challenge

The rising number of uninsured Americans represents the most important health care issue facing our nation today. One in nine children in this country are uninsured. Uninsured children run the highest risk of preventable illness. *Health Access America* strives to help people find health insurance.

- Why is health insurance for children and teens important?
 - Receive vaccinations that prevent disease
 - Get treatment for recurring illnesses such as asthma
 - Get preventative care to keep them well
 - Get sick less often
 - Get treatment they need when they are sick
- Healthcare benefits your children could receive by enrolling them in a health insurance plan:
 - Routine doctor visits for checkups
 - Vaccinations and other regular services
 - Hospital care in case of serious illness
 - Prescription medications
- Enrolling your child in a health insurance program can save you money on your child's healthcare costs, not to mention eliminating the financial worries associated with the potential for serious illness.

➤ Children who have health insurance have a better chance of being healthy. Having insurance will allow you to give them the medical care necessary for them to stay healthy and focus on their studies. Children with health insurance are less likely to miss school because they are sick. By helping them go to school everyday ready to learn, you can boost your child's performance in school.

- How do I get insurance?
 - Ask your employer about "dependent coverage" through the employer-sponsored insurance plan. Some businesses receive state assistance to offset costs of covering dependents.
 - If dependent coverage is not available, get quotes from private insurance companies.
 - All states offer low-cost or free health care coverage to eligible working families. To determine the income limits for this coverage, or to learn more about this type of coverage in your area, call 1-877-KIDS NOW or visit:

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