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HEALTH
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The basics of the health care law:

- Everyone is required to have health insurance (Health First Colorado (*Colorado's Medicaid Program*), CHP+, and health insurance programs comply with the law).
- You cannot be refused health insurance by a company because you are too sick or have a “pre-existing condition.”
- There is an “open enrollment” period every year. This sets deadlines for when you must find and buy health coverage. Typically, you can start searching for and buying health coverage in November and must be signed up by January to comply with the law.
- You can sign up for Health First Colorado or CHP+ at any time during the year, so if you qualify for either program, you are not limited to the open enrollment period.
- There are also qualifying life events that may make you eligible outside of open enrollment.

You have options! In Colorado, there are credits and other discount programs that can help lower the cost of health insurance.



Why do I need health insurance?

When you have health insurance, you can:

- Improve your health and live longer
- Get care when you need it
- Have consistent health care providers
- Protect yourself from big financial risk related to medical costs

What are my options?

What you qualify for will depend on family size and income, but in most cases, we can find an option for everyone.

1. **HEALTH FIRST COLORADO:** Free or low-cost public health insurance also known as Medicaid. Under the new health care laws, many adults qualify for Health First Colorado.
2. **CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO:** The new online marketplace for health insurance. There are several options and prices available. Depending on your income, you can qualify for tax credits and other programs that will help you pay for health insurance.
3. **CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS (CHP+):** Low-cost health and dental insurance for Colorado's uninsured children and pregnant women. CHP+ is public health insurance for children and pregnancy women who earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado, but not enough to afford private health insurance.
4. **DISCOUNT PROGRAMS THROUGH DENVER HEALTH AND THE STATE OF COLORADO:** These are not health insurance, but can help many people access medical services at a discounted rate. Patients have copayments due at the time of services.

Clients can make their CHP+ Enrollment Fee and Buy-In Premium payments at the main Enrollment location at 655 Bannock St. (payments can be made by check or cash only at this location).

About the Options

1. HEALTH FIRST COLORADO

Under the new health care law, Health First Colorado now covers more people and is mostly based on a person's income. This means that more people may qualify for Health First Colorado.

You may qualify for Health First Colorado if:

- You are a citizen of the United States, or have been a legal permanent resident for at least 5 years and/or;
- You are a legal permanent resident and a pregnant woman or child under 19 years of age and have not met the five-year bar requirement.

2. PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE THROUGH CONNECT FOR HEALTH COLORADO

If you don't qualify for Health First Colorado, you can purchase insurance through Connect for Health Colorado during enrollment periods or when you have a special life event (see page 6).

When you purchase health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado, you may qualify for tax credits and cost sharing options that can help you lower the cost for health insurance.

TIP! If you purchase health insurance, you can still qualify for the CICIP discount program. This can help you with co-pays and other costs.

3. DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

Each of these programs help people without health insurance or those who need a little help with copays or other costs. These are discount programs, not health insurance, so they do not comply with the health care law.

The Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICIP)

is a State of Colorado program that helps Colorado residents with or without insurance (and who don't qualify for Health First Colorado or CHP+) pay for their health care.

CICIP is not accepted by all hospitals and doctors.

With CICIP, you pay copayment each time you come to Denver Health for a service or get a prescription filled. Patients with CICIP are not billed for the remainder of the cost of that service.

The Denver Health Financial Assistance Program (DFAP)

is a discount program that is offered by Denver Health. Patients who meet the income and family size criteria and do not qualify for Health First Colorado, CHP+, or CICIP may qualify for the DFAP program.

With DFAP, you pay a copayment at the time of service for primary care, urgent care and prescriptions filled at Denver Health.

Specialty care, emergency care and dental care are also offered through this program but may require a prior referral from a Denver Health Primary Care Provider or established care with Denver Health Primary Care within a prior 18 month period. Medically necessary hospital stays and medical imaging services like MRIs are also provided.

With DFAP, you pay a copayment each time you come to Denver Health for a service. Patients with DFAP are not billed for the remainder of the cost of that service.

What if I didn't enroll in time? Or what if I lost my health insurance coverage?

There are special life events that allow you to purchase health insurance outside of the enrollment period.

- You lost health insurance coverage (including Health First Colorado and CHP+)
- You got married
- You turned 26 and are no longer covered by your parents health insurance
- You had a baby or adopted a child
- You moved to Colorado
- Your health insurance from your employer became too expensive for you
- You became a citizen or receive legal immigration status
- You were released from prison or jail

Please contact an Enrollment Specialist who can help you understand your options.

TIP! You can enroll in Health First Colorado (Medicaid) at any time during the year.

WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Let us help you! Denver Health Enrollment Specialists are here to help you apply for health coverage and help you understand your options for FREE!



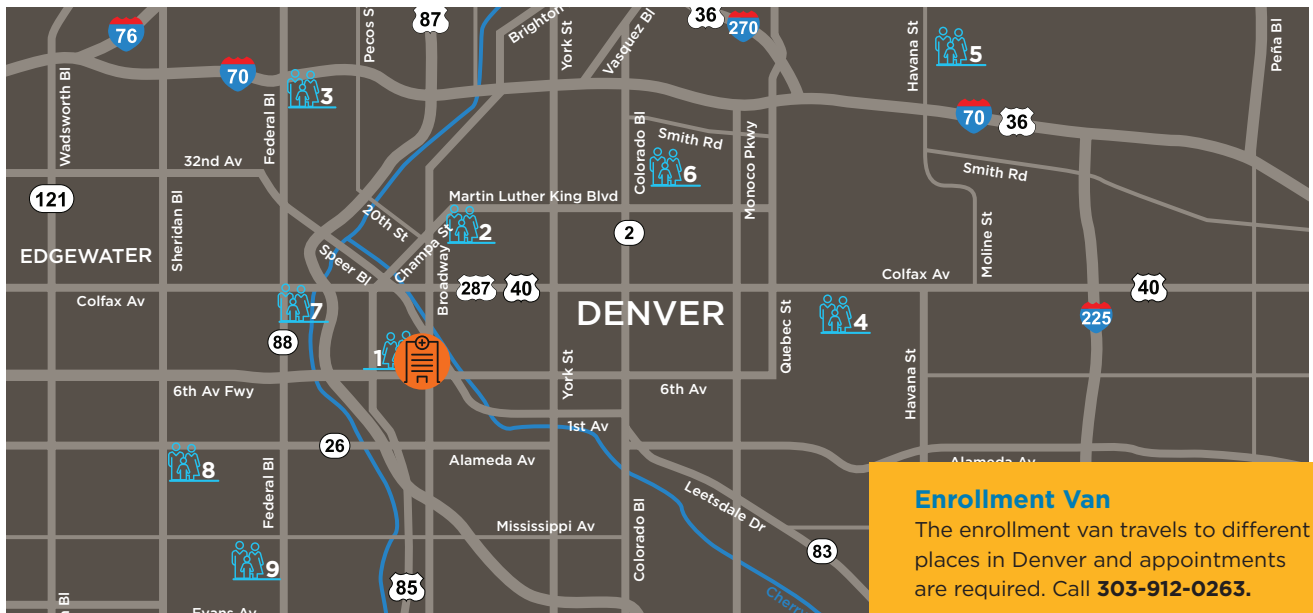
Denver Health Enrollment Office

655 Bannock St. | Denver, CO 80204
Pavilion I | 720-669-8026

*Some walk-in appointments are available each day.

Family Health Center Sites | 720-669-8026

- 1 Women's Care Clinic - Pavilion C**
790 Delaware St. | Denver, CO 80204
- 2 Bernard F. Gipson Eastside Family Health Center -** 501 28th St. | Denver, CO 80205
- 3 La Casa Quigg Newton Family Health Center**
4545 Navajo St. | Denver, CO 80211
- 4 Lowry Family Health Center**
1001 Yosemite St. | Denver, CO 80230
- 5 Montbello Family Health Center**
12600 E. Albrook Dr. | Denver, CO 80239
- 6 Park Hill Health Center**
4995 E. 33rd Avenue | Denver, CO 80207
- 7 Sam Sandos Westside Family Health Center**
1100 Federal Blvd. | Denver, CO 80204
- 8 Westwood Family Health Center**
4320 W. Alaska St. | Denver, CO 80219
- 9 Federico F. Peña Southwest Family Health Center**
1339 S. Federal Blvd. | Denver, CO 80219



Enrollment Van

The enrollment van travels to different places in Denver and appointments are required. Call **303-912-0263**.