

# Does your child have health insurance?

Free or low-cost health insurance for children and teens



Effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013



## Better health for your children.

Your child may qualify for **Health Check (Medicaid)** or **NC Health Choice** – free or low-cost health insurance for children and teens under 19 years old (up to 21 for Medicaid). Even children in a family of four with working parents earning \$46,100 a year or slightly more may qualify. The programs also cover children living with grandparents, other family or friends. **Your children need a valid social security number to qualify for these programs.** Families with children who are U.S. citizens or lawfully residing in the U.S. are encouraged to apply.

## Income guidelines

Effective April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. The numbers listed below may be subject to change. For the most current income guidelines, please go to [www.nchealthystart.org/income.pdf](http://www.nchealthystart.org/income.pdf).

Family size	Monthly income before taxes*
2	\$2,522
3	\$3,182
4	\$3,842
5	\$4,502
6 or more	add \$660 for each additional family member

\* Your child may also qualify if you earn more but have child care, work-related or child support expenses.

## Benefits include

- Well-child checkups
- Medicines
- Sick visits
- Dental care
- Immunizations (shots)
- Hospital care
- Lab tests
- Counseling
- Therapies
- Surgeries
- Medical equipment & supplies
- Vision & hearing care



## Peace of mind for you.

### It's easy to apply!

To apply in person, go to the local department of social services (DSS).

To apply by mail, go to [www.NCHealthyStart.org](http://www.NCHealthyStart.org) and download an application.

Mail the completed form and copies of requested documents to your local DSS.



### Stay enrolled!

Once your child is covered by this insurance, it will last for 12 months. Changes to your household income will not change the insurance. At the end of 12 months, DSS will review your household situation to see if you still qualify. The caseworker will let you know if any information is needed.

For more information and referrals regarding human services in government, call the NC DHHS Customer Service Center at 1-800-662-7030.

8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

For an application or more information, go to:  
[www.NCHealthyStart.org](http://www.NCHealthyStart.org)  
 or [www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/)

Place local information here:

