

MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM
HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMEN

Important Information about Your MCHP Application

After you fill out the MCHP application form, you may mail or bring it to the local health department in the county where you live (or to Baltimore Health Care Access, if you live in Baltimore City). The addresses and telephone numbers for the local health departments are on the last page of the application form.

When the local health department receives the application, a case manager will be assigned to determine eligibility for everyone applying for MCHP. The case manager will answer your questions about MCHP. The case manager may call or write to you to get additional information, if needed. The case manager will determine eligibility and send you a letter telling you the decision. **If you don’t hear from your case manager or receive a decision letter about your eligibility within three weeks after the date you mailed or took your application form to the local health department, call the local health department and ask to speak to the MCHP Eligibility Unit.**

If you are eligible for MCHP, you will receive a red and white Medical Care Program card. You’ll also receive information to choose a Managed Care Organization (MCO) participating in *HealthChoice*, Maryland Managed Care Program. **If you don’t receive a Medical Care Program card and MCO enrollment information within 30 days of the date of your decision letter, call your case manager at the local health department.** If you are applying as a pregnant woman, abortion is not covered.

If your family income is above the limit for MCHP, and you’ve answered “yes” to question 6 on the application form, your children may qualify for MCHP Premium. If so, you’ll receive information from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene about MCHP Premium. You’ll have a case manager at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene who will work with you to enroll your children in MCHP Premium and explain how to obtain health care for your children.

It’s important to keep your information current with your case manager. If you have a change in name, address, number of people in the household, income, employment or pregnancy, please call or write your case manager within 10 days of the change. Your case manager will let you know if the change affects your eligibility.

FOR YOUR RECORDS:

Name, address, and telephone number
of the local health department you
sent your application

to: _____

Date you sent your application: _____

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