Iowa Department of Human Services

Application for Health Coverage and Help Paying Costs

Use this application to see what coverage choices you qualify for

- Affordable private health insurance plans that offer comprehensive coverage to help you stay well
- A new tax credit that can immediately help pay your premiums for health coverage
- Free or low-cost insurance from Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

You may qualify for a free or low-cost program even if you earn as much as $94,000 a year (for a family of 4).

Who can use this application?

- Use this application to apply for anyone in your family.
- Apply even if you or your child already has health coverage. You could be eligible for lower-cost or free coverage.
- Families that include immigrants can apply. You can apply for your child even if you aren't eligible for coverage. Applying won't affect your immigration status or chances of becoming a permanent resident or citizen.
- If someone is helping you fill out this application, you may need to complete Step 6.

Apply faster online

Apply faster online at dhsservices.iowa.gov.

What you may need to apply

- Social Security Numbers (or document numbers for any legal immigrants who need insurance)
- Employer and income information for everyone in your family (for example, from paystubs, W-2 forms, or wage and tax statements)
- Policy numbers for any current health insurance
- Information about any job-related health insurance available to your family

Why do we ask for this information?

We ask about income and other information to let you know what coverage you qualify for and if you can get any help paying for it. **We'll keep all the information you provide private and secure, as required by law.**

What happens next?

Send your complete, signed application to the address on page 17. **If you don't have all the information we ask for, sign and submit your application anyway.** We'll follow-up with you within 30 days. You'll get instructions on the next steps to complete your health coverage. If you don't hear from us within 30 days, call the DHS Contact Center at **1-855-889-7985**. Filling out this application doesn't mean you have to buy health coverage.

Get help with this application

- **Online:** dhsservices.iowa.gov
- **Phone:** Call our Help Center at **1-855-889-7985**.
- **In person:** There may be counselors in your area who can help. Visit our website or call **1-855-889-7985** for more information.
- **En Español:** Llame a nuestro centro de ayuda gratis al **1-855-889-7985**.
- If you need help in a language other than English, call **1-855-889-7985** and tell the customer service representative the language you need. We'll get you help at no cost to you.
- TTY users should call **1-800-735-2942**.

Step 1. Tell us about yourself.

We need one adult in the family to be the contact person for your application.

First name, middle name, last name, and suffix			
Home address (If you leave blank because you don't have one, you must give us a mailing address below.)			Apartment or suite number
City	State	ZIP code	County
Mailing address (if different from home address)			Apartment or suite number
City	State	ZIP code	County
Phone number		Other phone number	
Do you want to get information about this application by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No Email address:			
Preferred spoken or written language (if not English)			

Step 2. Tell us about your family.

Who do you need to include on this application?

Tell us about all the family members who live with you. If you file taxes, we need to know about everyone on your tax return. (You don't need to file taxes to get health coverage.)

DO include:

- Yourself
- Your spouse
- Your children under 21 who live with you
- Your unmarried partner who needs health coverage
- Your unmarried partner who lives with you when you have a child or children together
- Anyone you include on your tax return, even if they don't live with you
- Anyone else under 21 who you take care of and lives with you

You DON'T have to include:

- Your unmarried partner who lives with you and doesn't need health insurance unless you have a child or children together
- Your unmarried partner's children
- Your parents who live with you, but file their own tax return (if you're over 21)
- Other adult relatives who file their own tax return

The amount of assistance or type of program you qualify for depends on the number of people in your family and their incomes. This information helps us make sure everyone gets the best coverage they can.

Complete Step 2 for each person in your family. Start with yourself, then add other adults and children. If you have more than five people in your family, you'll need to make a copy of the pages and attach them. You don't need to provide immigration status or a Social Security Number (SSN) for family members who don't need health coverage. We'll keep all the information you provide private and secure as required by law. We'll use personal information only to check if you're eligible for health coverage.

Step 2. Person 1 (start with yourself)

Complete Step 2 for yourself, your spouse or partner and children who live with you and anyone on your same federal income tax return if you file one. See page 1 for more information about who to include. If you don't file a tax return, remember to still add family members who live with you.

First name, middle name, last name, and suffix		Relationship to you? **SELF**
Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female	Social Security Number (SSN)

We need your SSN if you want health coverage and have a SSN. Providing your SSN can be helpful if you don't want health coverage too since it can speed up the application process. We use SSNs to check income and other information to see who's eligible for help with health coverage costs. If someone wants help getting an SSN, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit www.socialsecurity.gov/. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

Do you plan to file a federal income tax return THIS YEAR?

(You can still apply for health insurance even if you don't file a federal income tax return.)

☐ Yes. **If yes**, please answer questions 1-3. ☐ No. **If no**, skip to question 3.

☐ Yes ☐ No 1. Will you file jointly with a spouse? **If yes**, name of spouse: _____

☐ Yes ☐ No 2. Will you claim any dependents on your tax return? **If yes**, list names of dependents: _____

☐ Yes ☐ No 3. Will you be claimed as a dependent on someone's tax return? **If yes**, list the name of the tax filer: _____
How are you related to the tax filer? _____

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you pregnant? **If yes**, how many babies are expected during this pregnancy? What is the due date? _____

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you currently incarcerated?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you currently assigned to a work release program? **If yes**, what is the start date? _____

Do you need health coverage?

(Even if you have insurance, there might be a program with better coverage or lower costs.)

☐ Yes. **If yes**, answer all the questions below. ☐ No. **If no**, skip to the income questions on page 3. Leave the rest of this page blank.

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you have a physical, mental, or emotional health condition that causes limitations in activities (like bathing, dressing, daily chores, etc.) or live in a medical facility or nursing home?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a U.S. citizen or U.S. national?

☐ Yes ☐ No If you aren't a U.S. citizen or U.S. national, do you have eligible immigration status? **If yes**, fill in your document type and ID number below.
Document type: _____ Document ID number: _____

☐ Yes ☐ No Have you lived in the U.S. since before August 22, 1996?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you or your spouse or parent an honorably discharged veteran or an active-duty member of the U.S. military?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a resident of Iowa?

☐ Yes ☐ No Do you need help paying for medical bills from the last three calendar months? If you answer yes and you fall into a category that allows for retroactive approval, we will determine if you are eligible for coverage during those months.

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you an adult who is a main person taking care of a child under the age of 19 living in the home?

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you a full-time student?

☐ Yes ☐ No Were you in foster care at age 18 or older?

☐ Yes ☐ No If you are under age 19, do you want help with child support?

The following ethnicity and race questions are optional. Check all that apply.

If Hispanic or Latino, ethnicity:
- ☐ Mexican
- ☐ Mexican American
- ☐ Chicano/a
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Cuban
- ☐ Other: _____

Race:
- ☐ White
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian Indian
- ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Filipino
- ☐ Japanese
- ☐ Korean
- ☐ Vietnamese
- ☐ Other Asian
- ☐ Native Hawaiian
- ☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
- ☐ Samoan
- ☐ Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ Other: _____

Current Job and Income Information: You must tell us about the income of the people in your household. If someone has more than one job, tell us about all jobs. If you leave a space blank, we will assume that you have no income of this kind.

- ☐ **Employed.** If you're currently employed, tell us about your income. Start with **Current Job 1**.
- ☐ **Not employed.** Skip to the **Other Income This Month** section.
- ☐ **Self-employed.** Skip to the **Self-Employment** section.

Current Job 1:

Employer name and address				Employer phone number
Wages and tips (before taxes) $	☐ Hourly ☐ Twice a month	☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly	☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Yearly	Average hours worked each month:

Current Job 2: If you have more jobs and need more space, attach another sheet of paper.

Employer name and address				Employer phone number
Wages and tips (before taxes) $	☐ Hourly ☐ Twice a month	☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly	☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Yearly	Average hours worked each month:

Will the amount of money from jobs stay about the same? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, explain: _____

In the past three months, did you:
☐ Change jobs ☐ Stop working ☐ Start working fewer hours ☐ None of these

Self-Employment: If self-employed, answer the following questions.

Type of work _____

How much net income (profits once business expenses are paid) will you get from this self-employment this month? $ _____

Will the amount of monthly income from self-employment stay about the same? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, how much do you expect to average over a 12 month period? $ _____

Other Income This Month: Check all that apply, and give the amount and how often you get it. **NOTE:** You don't need to tell us about child support, veteran's payment, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

		How often?			How often?
☐ None					
☐ Unemployment	$ _____	_____	☐ Alimony received	$ _____	_____
☐ Pensions	$ _____	_____	☐ Net farming/fishing	$ _____	_____
☐ Social Security	$ _____	_____	☐ Net rental/royalty	$ _____	_____
☐ Retirement accounts	$ _____	_____	☐ Other income Type _____	$ _____	_____

Will the amount of money from other income stay about the same? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If no, explain: _____

Deductions: If you pay for certain things that can be deducted on a federal income tax return, check all that apply and give the amount and how often you pay. This information can be found on the Adjusted Gross Income section of your Federal 1040 form. **NOTE:** You shouldn't include a cost that you already considered in your answer to net self-employment.

		How often?			How often?
☐ Alimony paid	$ _____	_____	☐ Other deductions	$ _____	_____
☐ Student loan interest	$ _____	_____	Type _____		

Step 3. American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN) Family Members

American Indians and Alaska Natives can get services from the Indian Health Services, tribal health programs, or urban Indian health programs. They also may not have to pay cost sharing and may get special monthly enrollment periods. Answer the following questions to make sure your family gets the most help possible.

NOTE: If you have more people to include, make a copy of this page and attach.

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you or is anyone in your family an American Indian or Alaska Native? **If yes**, fill in the information below. **If no**, skip to Step 4.

AI/AN Person 1:	**AI/AN Person 2:**
Name (first, middle, last)	Name (first, middle, last)

AI/AN Person 1:		**AI/AN Person 2:**
☐ Yes ☐ No	Member of a federally recognized tribe? **If yes**, tribe name:	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Yes ☐ No	Has this person ever gotten a service from the Indian Health Service, a tribal health program, or urban Indian health program or through a referral from one of these programs?	☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ Yes ☐ No	**If no**, is this person eligible to get any of these services?	☐ Yes ☐ No
$ How often?	Certain money received may not be counted for Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). List any income (amount and how often) reported on your application that includes money from these sources:	$ How often?

- Per capita payments from a tribe that come from natural resources, usage rights, leases, or royalties.
- Payments from natural resources, farming, ranching, fishing, leases, or royalties from land designated as Indian trust land by the Department of Interior (including reservations and former reservations).
- Money from selling things that have cultural significance.

Step 4. Your Family's Health Coverage

Answer these questions for anyone who needs health coverage.

☐ Yes ☐ No Is anyone enrolled in health coverage now from the following? **If yes**, check the type of coverage and write the persons' names next to the coverage they have.

- ☐ Medicaid _____
- ☐ CHIP _____
- ☐ Medicare _____
- ☐ TRICARE (Don't check if you have direct care or Line of Duty) _____
- ☐ VA health care programs _____
- ☐ Peace Corps _____
- ☐ Employer Insurance
  - Name of health insurance _____
  - Policy number _____
  - Is this COBRA coverage? ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - Is this a retiree health plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Other
  - Name of health insurance _____
  - Policy number _____
  - Is this a limited-benefit plan (like a school accident policy?) ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Yes ☐ No Has anyone moved in or out of your home in the past three months? **If yes**, answer the following questions.

- Name _____
- Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
- Social Security Number (SSN) _____
- Relationship to you? _____
- Date moved in? _____
- Date moved out? _____

☐ Yes ☐ No Is anyone listed on this application offered health coverage from a job? Check yes even if the coverage is from someone else's job, such as a parent or spouse.

If yes, answer the following question and the questions in Step 5.

If no, skip to Step 6.

☐ Yes ☐ No Is this a state employee benefit plan?

Step 5. Health Coverage from Jobs

You **don't** need to answer these questions unless someone in the household is eligible for health coverage from a job. Attach a copy of this page for each job that offers coverage. Tell us about the **job** that offers coverage.

Employee Information. The **employee** needs to fill out this section.

Employee name (first, middle, last)	Social security number

Employer Information. Ask the **employer** for this information.

Employer name	Employer identification number (EIN)	
Employer address (the Marketplace will send notices to this address)	Employer phone number	
City	State	ZIP code
Who can we contact about employee health coverage at this job?		
Phone number (if difference from above)	Email address	

☐ Yes ☐ No Are you currently eligible for coverage offered by this employer, or will you become eligible in the next three months? **If yes**, fill out the information below. **If no**, skip to Step 6.

If you're in a waiting or probationary period, when can you enroll in coverage?

List the names of anyone else who is eligible for coverage from this job.

Health Plan. Tell us about the **health plan** offered by this employer.

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the employer offer a health plan that covers an employee's spouse or dependent?

If yes, which people? ☐ Spouse ☐ Dependents

☐ Yes ☐ No Does the employer offer a health plan that meets the minimum value standard*****?

For the lowest-cost plan that meets the minimum value standard***** offered **only to the employee** (don't include family plans):

If the employer has wellness programs, provide the premium that the employee would pay if the employee received the maximum discount for any tobacco cessation programs, and did not receive any other discounts based on wellness programs.

How much would the employee have to pay in premiums for this plan? $

How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every two weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Once a month ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

***** An employer-sponsored health plan meets the "minimum value standard" if the plan's share of the total allowed benefit costs covered by the plan is no less than 60 percent of such costs. (Section 36B(c)(2)(C)(ii) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986)

Employer Changes. What change will the employer make for the new plan year (if known)?

☐ Employer won't offer health coverage

☐ Employer will start offering health coverage to employees or change the premium for the lowest-cost plan available only to the employee that meets the minimum value standard. (Premium should reflect discount for wellness programs.)

How much will the employee have to pay in premiums for that plan? $

How often? ☐ Weekly ☐ Every two weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Quarterly ☐ Yearly

Date of change:

Step 6. Assistance with Completing this Application

You can choose an authorized representative.

You can give a trusted person permission to talk about this application with us, see your information, and act for you on matters related to this application, including getting information about your application and signing your application on your behalf. This person is called an "authorized representative." If you ever need to change your authorized representative, let us know. If you're a legally appointed representative for someone on this application, submit proof with the application.

Name of authorized representative (first name, middle name, last name)		
Address		Apartment or suite number
City	State	ZIP code
Phone number		
Organization name		ID number (if applicable)

By signing, you allow this person to sign your application, get official information about this application, and act for you on all future matters with this agency.

NOTE: Your signature here does not complete the application. You **must** sign and date on page 17 to complete this application.

Your signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

For certified application counselors, navigators, agents, and brokers only.

Complete this section if you're a certified application counselor, navigator, agent, or broker filing out this application for somebody else.

Application start date (mm/dd/yyyy)	
First name, middle name, last name, and suffix	
Organization name	ID number (if applicable)

Step 7. Read and Sign this Application

- By signing this application, you give your permission for DHS to share your medical and other health care records with federal and state officials.
- By signing this application, you give your permission for your medical provider to share:
  - Your medical history with an MCO or other managed care provider.
  - Information with IME Medical Services Unit to certify a medical need for certain Medical Assistance programs or services.

  I agree to assign medical payments from a third party to the Medicaid agency for myself and others who are eligible for Medicaid for whom I legally can assign benefits. I also agree to cooperate in obtaining medical payments for third parties.
- By signing this application, I certify under penalty of perjury and false swearing that my answers are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, including information provided about the citizenship or alien status for each household member applying for benefits. I know I may be subject to penalties under federal law if I provide false or untrue information.
- I know that I must tell the Income Maintenance Call Center if anything changes (and is different than) what I wrote on this application. I can call **1-877-347-5678** to report any changes. I understand that a change in my information could affect the eligibility for members of my household.
- I know that under federal law, discrimination isn't permitted on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. I can file a complaint of discrimination by visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file.
- I know that I can access my Rights and Responsibilities online at http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Comm233.pdf or I may call the DHS Contact Center at **1-855-889-7985**.

We need this information to check your eligibility for help paying for health coverage if you choose to apply. We'll check your answers using information in our electronic databases and databases from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration, the Department of Homeland Security, or a consumer reporting agency. If the information doesn't match, we may ask you to send us proof.

The authorization to use asset verification system database is in effect for as long as the Department is determining eligibility, the individual is a Medicaid recipient, or the applicant or recipient revokes the authorization. If refusal or revocation of the authorization is submitted, the Department may, on that basis, determine the applicant or recipient ineligible for medical assistance.

If anyone on this application is eligible for Medicaid

- I am giving to the Medicaid agency our rights to pursue and get any money from other health insurance, legal settlements, or other third parties. I am also giving to the Medicaid agency rights to pursue and get medical support from a spouse or parent.
- Does any child on this application have a parent living outside the home? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If yes, I know I will be asked to cooperate with the agency that collects medical support from an absent parent. If I think that cooperating to collect medical support will harm me or my children, I can tell Medicaid and I may not have to cooperate.

My right to appeal

You, or the person helping you, may request an appeal hearing if you do not agree with any action taken on your case. You must appeal in writing. To appeal in writing do **one** of the following:

- Fill out an appeal electronically at https://dhssecure.dhs.state.ia.us/forms/, **or**
- Write a letter telling us why you think a decision is wrong, **or**
- Fill out an Appeal and Request for Hearing form. You can get this form at your county DHS office.

Send or take your appeal to the Department of Human Services, Appeals Section, 5th Floor, 1305 E Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0114. If you need help filing an appeal, ask your county DHS office.

You can represent yourself. Or, you can have a friend, relative, lawyer or someone else act on your behalf.

You may contact your county DHS office about legal services. You may have to pay for these legal services. If you do, your payment will be based on your income. You may also call Iowa Legal Aid at (800) 532-1275. If you live in Polk County, call (515) 243-1193.

Renewal of coverage in future years

To make it easier to determine eligibility for health coverage in future years, your income data, including information from tax returns, can be verified electronically. You can also change your mind and not allow the Department of Human Services to check this information.

Do you want this information to be verified in the future and used to automatically renew your eligibility?

☐ Yes, renew my eligibility automatically.

How long? ☐ 5 years ☐ 4 years ☐ 3 years ☐ 2 years ☐ 1 year

☐ No, don't use my information from tax returns to renew my coverage.

Estate Recovery

Federal law requires Iowa to have an estate recovery program. If you get Medicaid, you may be subject to estate recovery. This means any Medicaid funds used to pay for your healthcare, including the monthly fee paid to a Managed Care Organization (MCO), will need to be paid back from your estate after your death. Estate recovery applies if you get Medicaid and are:

- Age 55 or older, or
- Are under age 55 and live in a medical facility and cannot reasonably be expected to return home.

For more information, call the Iowa Medicaid Estate Recovery Program at 1-877-463-7887 or go online to http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Comm123.pdf (English) or http://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/Comm123S.pdf (Spanish).

Sign this application

The person who filled out Step 1 should sign this application. If you're an authorized representative, you may sign here as long as you have provided the information required in Step 6.

I agree to allow my information to be used and retrieved from data sources for this application. I have consent for all people I will list on the application that allows their information to be retrieved and used from data sources for this application.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the information contained in this statement of facts is true, correct, and complete.

Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

To speed up the processing of your application, you may provide verification of the following with your application. If verification is not submitted with the application, you may receive a letter indicating what we need before we can process your application.

For anyone who is applying and is not a U.S. citizen:

- **Immigration status**
  Proof can be an alien identification card (green card, I-551, I-94), visa, passport, or documents from Immigration Services

Send verification for those individuals who are:

- **Working**
  Pay stubs from the last 30 days or a written statement of earnings from your employer if you do not have pay stubs.
- **Self-employed**
  Most recent income tax returns and all related schedules or business records if taxes are not filed.
- **Getting other income**
  (This includes child support, veteran's payments, Black Lung, Railroad, worker's compensation, interest and dividends, cash received from friends or relatives, pension, etc.) A statement from the person or company that issues the income, copy of checks (showing gross income amount), award letter, tax forms, court order, or other documents from the last 30 days or most current received.

Send verification for anyone who is 19 or older:

- **Bank accounts**
  Recent bank statements or written statement from bank showing current balance or value of accounts.
- **Property**
  Property tax statement. Include documents showing amount owed against the property.
- **Burial/funeral contracts**
  Burial contract and statement of goods and services from the company or funeral home that holds the contract.
- **Other resources**
  Includes stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, safe deposit box, 401ks, IRAs, CDs, vehicles, etc.
- **Life insurance policies**
  Face and cash value, bonds, annuities, trusts, stock ownership statements, or other documents showing value of asset. Include documents showing current loan balance owed against the asset.
- **Unmet medical expenses**
  Billing statements, pharmacy statements, medical transportation.

Send copies of proofs. Do not send original documents.

Addendum to Application and Review Forms for Release of Information

OPTIONAL Release of Information

Help Us Help You!

You do not have to sign this, but it will help us get information we need to help you, without having to get your signature on specific requests.

You should know that:

- We may need more information to decide if you can get assistance.
- If more information is needed from you, you will get a letter telling you what we need and the date you must get it to us.
- You are responsible to get the information or to ask us for help to get it.
- If you do not give us the information or ask for help by the due date, your application may be denied or your assistance may stop.
- We may be able to use the release below to get the information we need. **But you still have to provide information we request or ask us for help.**
- We may attach a copy of this release to a form that asks other people or organizations (like your employer) for specific information needed about you or others in your household.

Print and sign your name below to give us permission to get needed information.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize any person or organization to give the Iowa Department of Human Services requested information about me or other members of my household.

A copy of this release is as valid as the original.

This release does not apply to protected health information.

This release is good for 12 months from the date signed.

_____	_____
Your Name (please print clearly)	Other Adult Name (please print clearly)
_____	_____
Signature or Mark	Signature or Mark
_____	
Date	