Important Information for Immigrant Families

Many uninsured immigrant children may be eligible for Florida KidCare health insurance if they meet certain income guidelines and other eligibility criteria. Immigrant children who may be eligible include:

Refugees: Individuals of any nationality who have been admitted to the United States as a refugee because they have experienced persecution or have a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Cuban/Haitian Entrants: Cuban or Haitian nationals granted parole status as a Cuban/Haitian entrant, regardless of the status of the individual at the time of assistance, and nationals of Cuba or Haiti who have a pending application for asylum or are the subject of removal proceedings (including those with an indefinite stay of deportation or deportation withheld).

Asylees: Individuals of any nationality granted asylum in the United States because they have experienced persecution or have a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Special Immigrants: Certain Iraqi and Afghan nationals granted special immigrant status.

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Legal Permanent Residents (LPR) who (1) previously held status as refugees, Amerasians, asylees, Cuban/Haitian entrants, or victims of trafficking, or (2) have held their LPR status in the United States for five years or longer. LPRs are those persons who have been allowed to live permanently in the United States.

Certified Victims of Trafficking: Persons who were forced into involuntary servitude, the commercial sex trade, debt bondage or peonage through force, fraud, or coercion who have been documented by the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR); their accompanying family members granted T-visas may also be documented by ORR.

U.S. Citizens of Immigrant Parents: Children born in the United States, even those whose parents may be undocumented.

All information about citizenship is confidential and enrollment in Florida KidCare does not harm your application for citizenship or legal permanent resident status.

What is Florida KidCare?
Through Florida KidCare, the state of Florida offers health insurance for children from birth through age 18, even if one or both parents are working. It includes four different programs. When you apply for the insurance, Florida KidCare will check which program your child may qualify for based on age and family income.

Medikids: Children ages 1 through 4
Healthy Kids: Children ages 5 through 18
Children’s Medical Services Network: Children birth through 18 who have special health care needs
Medicaid: Children birth through 18. A child who has other health insurance may still qualify for Medicaid.
Florida KidCare provides children with these benefits:
• Doctors visits
• Immunizations
• Hospital visits
• Prescriptions
• Dental care
• Vision care
• Emergency care
• And much more

Cost
There is no charge for Medicaid for children (Florida KidCare Medicaid).

For other Florida KidCare programs, monthly premiums depend on the household's income and family size. Most families pay $15 or $20 per month.

It is free to apply! Families with children ages 1-18 who do not qualify for one of the lower payments may be eligible for the full-pay option.

How to Apply
Before you apply
If you have ever applied to Florida KidCare or have had a child covered by Florida KidCare, you may be able to renew by phone. Please call 1-800-821-5437, Monday – Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. If you have questions about your Medicaid coverage, call 1-800-352-5437 (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

What documents are needed to apply for Florida KidCare?
The following information is needed to complete the application.

1. Child’s citizenship or immigration documents such as:
• Form I-94 (Arrival/Departure Record)
• Form I-511 (Green Card)
• Passport stamped by United States citizen Card)
• Form I-551/I-515 (Green Card, Permanent Resident or Resident Non-citizen Card)
• Passport stamped by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) showing immigration status or immigrant visa
• Form I-571 (Travel Authorization)
• Notice of INS receipt of Form I-589 (Asylum Application), if Cuban or Haitian
• Other documentation of status, like a letter from USCIS, ORR, Board of Immigration Appeals judge, or a Laissez-Passer
• Birth certificate

2. Child’s social security number or proof of when the application was submitted.
3. A parent's social security number is not required; however the Florida KidCare program may ask you for your social security number to verify income.
4. Proof of all household income – paystubs from the last four weeks, or most recent federal income tax return (Form 1040) or most recent W2 forms. Include proof of child support or other types of income.
5. Cost to add dependent children to health insurance coverage if employer offers it.

You may apply online at www.floridakidcare.org

When the application asks “How did you hear about Florida KidCare?” Please click “other” and enter the Florida Covering Kids and Families refugee outreach code: CK30.

When you finish your online application keep a copy of your application for your records. You will see a list that tells you what to send in order to finish your application. Please write the parent’s name legibly on each document you send. Do not send original documents and be sure the copies are readable. Print a copy for your records.

Documents can be sent by:
Fax: 1-866-867-0054 (the call is free)
Email: applyrenew.healthykids@acs-inc.com
Mail: Florida KidCare
P.O. Box 980
Tallahassee, FL 32302-0980