

# Because Every Child Deserves a Healthy Future...

## Frequently Asked Questions about Kid Care CHIP and EqualityCare



- Q.** Who determines eligibility for the program?  
**A.** Eligibility is determined by the Department of Family Services.
- Q.** Does the program provide coverage for past medical expenses?  
**A.** Yes. EqualityCare does provide retroactive coverage for past medical expenses.
- Q.** Can children have other insurance and still qualify for the program?  
**A.** Yes.
- Q.** What are the income guidelines for the program?  
**A.** EqualityCare covers children up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for children younger than 6, and up to 100% for children ages 6 through 18.
- Q.** Is a co-payment required for services?  
**A.** No. A co-payment is not required on services for children.
- Q.** Do children receive an insurance card?  
**A.** Yes. Children on the EqualityCare program will receive an EqualityCare insurance card to present to providers.



- Q.** Who determines eligibility for the program?  
**A.** Eligibility is determined by the Wyoming Department of Health.
- Q.** Does the program provide coverage for past medical expenses?  
**A.** No. On Kid Care CHIP, only expenses incurred during the month eligibility begins are covered.
- Q.** Can children have other insurance and still qualify?  
**A.** No. Children must be uninsured for at least 30 days prior to applying.
- Q.** What are the income guidelines for the program?  
**A.** Kid Care CHIP covers children from birth through age 18 in families earning up to 185% of the FPL. (up to 200% after July 1, 2005)
- Q.** Is a co-payment required for services?  
**A.** Yes. There is a co-payment of \$3 to \$5 depending on type of service used, up to a maximum of \$200 per family per benefit year.
- Q.** Do children receive an insurance card?  
**A.** Yes. Children on Kid Care CHIP will receive a Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance card as well as a Delta Dental card for dental services.

## Both Programs

- Q.** Where can I get an application?  
**A.** Call 1-877-KIDS NOW to request applications (both programs use the same application), brochures, or other promotional materials.
- Q.** What are the age requirements?  
**A.** Children from birth through age 18 may be eligible.
- Q.** What are the residency requirements?  
**A.** Both programs require that children be residents of Wyoming, and citizens of the U.S. or qualified aliens.
- Q.** Must coverage be renewed every year?  
**A.** Yes. Both programs require annual renewals.
- Q.** Are there any pre-existing condition exclusions or restrictions for either program?  
**A.** No.
- Q.** Are children who enter the care of a Public Institution eligible for either program?  
**A.** No.
- Q.** Must an applicant fill out a separate application for Kid Care CHIP if they are not eligible for EqualityCare?  
**A.** No. If a child is not eligible for EqualityCare, the application will be forwarded to Kid Care CHIP and vice versa.
- Q.** Can families choose which program they want their children to be on?  
**A.** No. If a child qualifies for EqualityCare, he/she is not eligible for Kid Care CHIP and vice versa.
- Q.** Can families have one child on EqualityCare and another child on Kid Care CHIP at the same time?  
**A.** Yes. Due to age limitations or family composition, families might have some children on EqualityCare while others are on Kid Care CHIP.
- Q.** Are applicants required to participate in an interview or provide proof of income?  
**A.** No. Applicants are **not** required to provide proof of income, Social Security cards, or birth certificates, and do not need to participate in an interview.