



choosing a  
**CHILD  
HEALTH  
PLUS  
PLAN**

Helpful tips for selecting a plan through  
the NY State of Health marketplace

**CHILD HEALTH PLUS** provides free or low-cost health care for all children regardless of income or immigration status. If you qualify, you will need to choose a health plan for your child. Health plans work with a group (network) of doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies to pay for your care. You will need to choose one of the doctors from the health plan to be your child's Primary Care Provider (PCP). Your child will go to her or his PCP and the other doctors in the plan's network for care.

Child Health Plus plans are free or have a monthly premium, depending on your household income. The plans cover the same health care services. But they are not all the same:

- They can have different doctor and hospital networks
- They can cover different prescription drugs
- They can have different quality and patient satisfaction ratings

### Picking a Plan

To help you find the best plan for your child:

- Ask the doctor your child regularly sees for the names of the Child Health Plus plans that she or he accepts.
- Look at the plan's network to see if the health plan's doctors, hospitals, and clinics are close to you.
- Check to see if the health plan covers your child's medications.
- Consider if the health plan will let you fill prescriptions at the pharmacy you use.

- Review the yearly plan performance consumer guide, which rates the plans according to their services, performance and consumer satisfaction. To access the guide, visit: [http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/managed\\_care/consumer\\_guides/nyc/medicaid/](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/consumer_guides/nyc/medicaid/)
- If you will be paying the full cost of the health plan, compare monthly premiums for the plans you like, and think about what you can afford.

### Paying the Premium

Some families with higher incomes must pay a monthly premium for Child Health Plus. The coverage does not start until after the first month's premium is paid. You can mail the premium contribution prior to receiving the bill.

#### New York City Child Health Plus Plans

Affinity Health Plan 1(866) 247-5678  
Fidelis Care New York 1(888) 343-3547  
EmblemHealth (HIP) 1(800) 447-8255  
Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Plus 1(800) 600-4441  
Healthfirst PHSP, Inc. 1(866) 463-6743  
MetroPlus Health Plan 1(800) 303-9626  
United Healthcare Community Plan 1(800) 493-4647  
WellCare of New York 1(800) 288-5441

For more information, please visit NYC Health Insurance Link at [www.nyc.gov/hilink](http://www.nyc.gov/hilink)