



**COLORADO**

Department of Health Care  
Policy & Financing

## Medicaid Buy-In Program For Children With Disabilities

The Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities lets families of children with a disability who qualify to ‘buy-into’ Colorado Medicaid for that child. If your child and/or your family earns too much for Colorado Medicaid or Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) your child may qualify. If your child does qualify, you may pay a monthly premium to be in the program. We base your monthly premium on your family’s income.

### Who Qualifies?

- You must be a child under the age of 19,
- You must have a qualifying disability. The [Social Security Administration \(SSA\) listings](#) describes what disabilities qualify, and
- Your family income must be below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). For example, a family of four making about \$8,600 a month may qualify.

You are not required to apply for SSA disability. You must fill out the [Medicaid Disability Application](#) and Medical release form on the [How To Apply page](#). We will determine if you qualify using the [Social Security Administration \(SSA\) listings](#), without regard to your child’s substantial gainful activity or ability to work.

### Benefits and Services

- You will get [Regular Colorado Medicaid benefits](#).
- Children under age 19 do not have co-payments.

### What Does It Cost?

You have to pay monthly premiums based on your income to be in the program. The more you make, the more you pay.

Effective Date: April 1, 2015

Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	Monthly Income for an Individual	Monthly Income for a Family of 4	You Pay Each Month
0% -133%	\$0 - \$1,305*	\$0 - \$2,688*	\$0
134% -185%	\$1,306 - \$1,815*	\$2,689 - \$3,739*	\$70
186% -250%	\$1,816 - \$2,453*	\$3,740 - \$5,053*	\$90
251% -300%	\$2,454 - \$2,943*	\$5,054 - \$6,063*	\$120

\*Some earning more may still qualify.

## How to Apply

- Complete Medical application online at [Colorado.gov/PEAK](http://Colorado.gov/PEAK)
  - If you apply through PEAK you must also fill out the [Medicaid Disability Application](#) and Medical release form on the [How To Apply page](#) and submit it to your eligibility determination site.
- [In person](#)
- By phone at 1-800-221-3943/TDD 1-800-659-2656
- By [mail](#)

For more information on how to apply, see our [How To Apply page](#).

For more details about this program, see our [Medicaid Buy-In Program page](#).

If you have more questions about this program please contact the [Medicaid Customer Contact Center](#).