

Healthcare

Hawk-I – Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa – State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

The State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) helps make healthcare affordable to families caring for children who earn too much money to qualify for Medicaid, yet cannot afford to buy private insurance. Services can include:

- visits to healthcare providers
- inpatient and outpatient hospital services
- prescription medication and immunizations
- lab tests and x-rays
- surgery and transplants
- emergency care
- physical, speech, and occupational therapies

If your child or children get SCHIP benefits, you may need to pay a small enrollment fee for the program. Additionally, you may have to pay co-payments for visits to the healthcare provider, getting prescription drugs, or for emergency care. You can get more information about this program and other programs in your state by going to the AARP GrandFacts State Fact Sheets at: www.aarp.org/relationships/friends-family/grandfacts-sheets/.

How do I apply?

To apply for this program, you can print and fill out the application form and mail it back to the program. You can also apply by using the online application.

Frequently Asked Questions

Am I eligible?

Your child or children can get help from this program if they are 18 years of age or younger and has income that is higher than the Medicaid limit. In most cases, you should first apply for Medicaid. Once the agency determines that your child or children do not meet the guidelines for Medicaid, then you can apply for SCHIP benefits. Sometimes the state will do this automatically and process your application for SCHIP.

Applicants who are U.S. citizens and meet the other program guidelines, may get help from this program. Some people who are not U.S. citizens may also take part in the

program. You should contact your local office for more information about SCHIP's citizenship rules.

What will I need?

- Proof of Age
 - Proof of Income
 - Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Legal Resident
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