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Insured Children Succeed in School

Give your child a head start this school year and make sure health insurance is on your back-to-school checklist.

Children with health insurance

- Miss fewer days of school
- More likely to have a regular doctor
- Have all school-required immunizations
- More likely to participate in sports and extracurricular activities
- Have access to medical treatment for common childhood illnesses
- Parents and caregivers miss fewer days of work

New eligibility criteria

As of July 1, 2016 *all lawfully residing children in Florida* now qualify for health insurance through Florida KidCare (Medicaid, MediKids, Healthy Kids and Children's Medical Services Network).



Families with qualified non-citizen children no longer have a 5-year waiting period! Families who were previously on the full-pay option have automatically been switched to a subsidized plan, if they meet income guidelines.

To view a list of newly qualified statuses, visit <http://www.hcsef.org/florida-kidcare-other-resources> and view the related document titled "Lawfully Residing Definition & Documentation Chart."

Applying for Florida KidCare is easy

Florida KidCare accepts applications year-round from families with uninsured children under the age of 19. Children enrolled in the program have access to preventive care such as regular doctor's visits, immunizations, dental and vision benefits. Most families pay a monthly premium of \$15-\$20 or nothing at all (a family of 4 with a gross income of up to \$48,600 qualify for subsidized coverage; full-pay options are also available).

Families are encouraged to apply online at www.floridakidcare.org or visit a Certified Application Assistance Site (CAAS) for one-on-one enrollment assistance. View the County Resource Guides on the left sidebar to find a CAAS near you.