

Healthcare for Uninsured Kids and Youth (HUSKY)

Description:

Healthcare for Uninsured Kids and Youth (HUSKY) is funded by the state and federal government. It is administered by the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), which partners with private sector, non-profit and public organizations to reach out to the community. HUSKY is Connecticut's public health insurance program for children under age 19 and in some cases their parents or relative caregivers. There are two types of HUSKY insurance, HUSKY A and HUSKY B. HUSKY A is for children and their relative caregivers whose income is under 185 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and pregnant women whose income is under 250 percent of the FPL. HUSKY B is only for uninsured children in families with incomes over 185 percent of poverty. HUSKY B has co-pays and in some cases premiums. HUSKY B also has an additional benefit that is available to children with special physical health care needs. This program, called HUSKY Plus, is provided at no cost to the family.

The size of a family and their income determine whether the family will qualify for HUSKY A or B. HUSKY B has three income levels. These income levels determine whether individuals have to pay premiums and how much must be paid. Applicants are not required to report assets for either HUSKY A or B. There are no exclusions or limitations on coverage for pre-existing medical conditions.

HUSKY pays for a comprehensive health care benefits package including:

- preventative care
- outpatient physician visits
- school physical visits
- prescription medicines
- inpatient hospital and physician services
- outpatient surgical facility services
- mental health and substance abuse services
- short term rehabilitation and physical therapy (some limitations apply for HUSKY B)
- home health care
- diagnostic x-ray and laboratory services
- emergency care
- durable medical equipment
- eye care and hearing exams
- dental care

When individuals are accepted into the HUSKY program, they must choose a managed care organization that participates in HUSKY. The managed care organization provides a health insurance card for the covered individuals in the family so they can receive health care services. The Department of Social Services also sends the program participant a CONNECT Card that is used for services for which the managed care organizations are not responsible. The services accessed with this card include dental, pharmacy and behavior health. Some HUSKY A members may be eligible to enroll in a pilot program called Primary Care Case Management (PCCM). PCCM is an alternative to enrolling in a managed care organization.

It is important to note that unlike HUSKY A, children cannot enroll in HUSKY B if they have any other healthcare insurance.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Families must reside in Connecticut.
- There are no income limits; however, income and family size determine the HUSKY Plan for which families are eligible.
- Refer to [Appendix F](#) for federal poverty income guidelines based on family size.
- Families with incomes up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for free health care under the HUSKY A program. HUSKY A provides coverage for children, parents or relative caregivers who live with the child. Pregnant women whose family income is less than 250 percent of the poverty level may also qualify for HUSKY A.
- Children whose family income is above 185 percent of the federal poverty level but not higher than 235 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for subsidized HUSKY B. There is no premium but some co-payments. These children may also be eligible for HUSKY Plus.
- Children whose family income is above 235 percent of the federal poverty level but not higher than 300 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for partially subsidized HUSKY B. Families are required to pay a monthly premium of \$30 for the first child with a maximum of \$50 for two or more children. They may also be eligible for HUSKY Plus.
- Children whose family income is more than 300 percent of the federal poverty level may be eligible for unsubsidized HUSKY B; the family is responsible for a monthly premium of \$195 per child.
- Some services are subject to co-payments regardless of family income.

- Children who qualify for HUSKY B cannot have been covered by other group or individual health insurance (outside of HUSKY A) for at least two months prior to application. There are exceptions to this waiting period, such as financial hardship. Once a child is enrolled in HUSKY B, he or she cannot be enrolled in other group or individual health insurance and stay in HUSKY B.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

July 1 – June 30

Contact Information:

For more information, to request an application or to apply by telephone:

HUSKY

Telephone: 877-284-8759

TDD/TYY: 800-842-4524

Monday – Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To apply by telephone or to check the status of a filed application:

Telephone: 800-656-6684

Monday – Friday: 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To request or submit an application, or for questions regarding the application process by mail:

HUSKY Plan

P.O. Box 280747

East Hartford, CT 06108

For information on the Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) pilot program:

Telephone: 800-656-6684

For inquiries to the Department of Social Services:

HUSKY Plan
c/o Department of Social Services
11th Floor
25 Sigourney Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Related Information:

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