



**Restoring KidsCare Coverage:
Accepting Applications Beginning July 26, 2016 for Coverage
Effective September 1, 2016**

May 24, 2016

Governor Doug Ducey signed SB 1475, restoring KidsCare coverage to children in households between 133% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL). KidsCare is Arizona's version of the federally created Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). KidsCare enrollment was frozen in January 2010, one of several measures taken to address the budget crisis during the recession.

Applications for KidsCare will be accepted beginning July 26, 2016 for coverage that will begin September 1, 2016. Applications received prior to July 26, 2016 will be denied until the recently signed legislation becomes effective, which also allows time for changes within the State's eligibility system, Health-e-Arizona Plus (HEAplus), necessary to accept the KidsCare applications.

Parents insuring their children under KidsCare pay a monthly premium depending on their household income. Monthly premiums can range from \$10 for one child in a household at the lower income range up to \$70 for multiple children in households at the upper income range. The annual family income for a household of four at 133% FPL is \$32,319 and at 200% FPL is \$48,600.

AHCCCS estimates approximately 30,000 Arizona children may enroll in KidsCare coverage. Care1st estimates a membership increase from KidsCare enrollment of approximately 3,000.

KidsCare offers a full array of AHCCCS benefits. Families will have their eligibility conducted by the Department of Economic Security as part of a holistic eligibility determination. Eligible children will receive their coverage through health plans contracted with the AHCCCS Administration, (i.e. Care1st).

For more information on KidsCare go to the AHCCCS website:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/Categories/KidsCare.html>

To apply for KidsCare, ***on or after July 26, 2016***, go to the HEAplus website:

<https://www.healtharizonaplus.gov/Default/Default.aspx>

If you have questions regarding KidsCare, please contact Provider Network Operations using the information below.