



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

PeachCare for Kids[®] Updates



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Mission

The Georgia Department of Community Health

We will provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing and oversight.

We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.



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- In 1997, Congress created Title XXI of the Social Security Act – State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)
 - Georgia’s version of SCHIP is PeachCare for Kids
 - 1999

PeachCare for Kids

Provides comprehensive health care to children

- who do not qualify for Medicaid
- through the age of 18
- who live in households with incomes at or below 235% of the federal poverty level

This means a family of three can earn \$44,868 a year and a family of four can earn \$54,168 a year



Premiums

- No premium cost for children under age 6.
- Cost per month for PeachCare for Kids coverage is \$10 to \$35 for one child and a maximum of \$70 for two or more children living in the same household if they are older than 6.



Co-payments

- Beginning April 1, 2012, a co-payment for some medical services is required for children 6 and over.
 - Co-payment amounts can range from \$0.50 to \$12.50, but most will be \$2 or \$3
- No co-payments for these services:
 - Preventive Care Services (routine check-ups)
 - Immunizations
 - Routine preventive and diagnostic dental services

5% Cost sharing limit

- Families are not required to pay more than 5% of their income yearly toward premiums and co-pays.
- Costs will be tracked in MMIS and cost-sharing will stop if a family reaches 4.5% (no more premiums or co-pays for the remainder of the year).

State Employee Eligibility for PeachCare

- The Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (Public Law 111-309) allowed states to receive federal matching funds for coverage of children of state employees through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- Georgia began covering state employees effective January 1, 2012

State Employees

- Georgia received permission from CMS to waive the six-month waiting period for this group until December 31, 2012.
- Enrollment is voluntary
- More than 15,000 children enrolled; 7,360 SHBP

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