

Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS)

Throughout the nation, efforts to enroll eligible individuals in health insurance are moving forward. Millions are eligible for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) – in many states, more people than ever before -- and still need to be connected to the vital health benefits these programs provide. Medicaid and CHIP enrollment is year-round and is not subject to an open enrollment period. Eligible individuals can enroll at any time and get coverage right away.

To help support outreach and enrollment efforts, the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) is offering a set of Medicaid Fact Sheets that are aimed at helping consumers understand the basics: Who is eligible for Medicaid and CHIP? What benefits do the programs provide? How can individuals enroll?

These fact sheets feature a variety of images and are available in English and Spanish. One set of fact sheets are tailored for states that have expanded Medicaid and another set for states that have not expanded. We also are offering materials for use in American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities, where it is important to discuss specific protections for applicants and beneficiaries.

You can find the full set of fact sheets at <http://www.medicaid.gov/AffordableCareAct/Medicaid-Moving-Forward-2014/Basics-for-Consumers/Fact-Sheet-Basics-for-Consumers.html>, along with instructions on how to get help customizing them with your local phone number, logos and other information. You may, of course, download and print any of these fact sheets for use without customization.

We hope that you will find these materials useful and will make them available to consumers wherever you provide navigator and enrollment assister services, at community health centers and hospitals, at summer recreation and back-to-school events, in housing developments, food assistance and child care programs, and anywhere you may encounter families and individuals who may be eligible for Medicaid and CHIP but are not enrolled.