



**Greene County  
Human Resources  
Department**

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: September 26, 2017

To: Greene County Employees

From: Karen MacIntosh-Frering, HR Director *KMF*

Re: **Premium Assistance Under Medicaid and  
the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)**

If you are eligible for health coverage through Greene County, but are unable to afford the premiums, New York State has a premium assistance program that can help pay for coverage. NYS uses funds from its Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to help people who are eligible for employer-sponsored health coverage, but need assistance in paying their health premiums. This premium assistance program became effective for local government employees on September 1, 2010.

If you or your dependents **ARE ALREADY ENROLLED** in Medicaid or CHIP, and you live in New York State, you can contact the **New York State Health Insurance Marketplace** (<https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/>) to find out if premium assistance is available:

**NEW YORK STATE OF HEALTH  
1-855-355-5777**

If you or your dependents **ARE NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED** in Medicaid or CHIP, and you think you or your dependents might be eligible for these programs, you can contact the **Greene County Social Services Department** to find out how to apply:

**GREENE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
(518) 719-3700**

Greene County employees residing in other NYS counties should contact their local Department of Social Services office, call 1-877 KIDS NOW or visit [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov) to find out how to apply.

**Please note that you must meet income/resource and eligibility requirements in order to qualify for these programs.**

If you or your dependents are eligible for premium assistance under Medicaid or CHIP, and are also eligible for coverage under the Greene County employee health insurance plans, the County must allow you to enroll in the County plan if you are not already enrolled. This is called a "special enrollment" opportunity, and you must request coverage within 60 days of being determined eligible for premium assistance. If you have questions about enrolling in the County plan, please contact the Greene County Human Resources Department at (518) 719-3615.

Cc – Greene County Legislators  
Shaun Groden, County Administrator



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