Application for Health Coverage & Help Paying Costs (Short Form)

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THINGS TO KNOW

Use this application to see what coverage you qualify for

- Affordable private health insurance plans that offer comprehensive coverage to help you stay well
- A new tax credit that can immediately help pay your premiums for health coverage
- Free or low-cost insurance from Medicaid or the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP)

Who can use this application?

Single adults who:

- Aren't offered health coverage from their employer
- Don't have any dependents and can't be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return

NOTE: If any of the following apply, you need to fill out a different form to make sure you get the most benefits possible:

- You're married or have dependent children.
- You were in the foster care system, and you're under age 26.
- You have items that can be deducted from your income. If your only deduction is student loan interest, you **can** use this form.
- You're American Indian or Alaska Native.

Apply faster online

Apply faster online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov.

What you may need to apply

- Your Social Security number (or document number if you're a legal immigrant)
- Employer and income information (for example, from paystubs, W-2 forms, or wage and tax statements)

Why do we ask for this information?

We ask about income and other information to let you know what coverage you qualify for and if you can get any help paying for it.
We'll keep all the information you provide private and secure, as required by law. To view the Privacy Act Statement, go to MarylandHealthConnection.gov.

What happens next?

Send your complete, signed application to the address on page 3. **If you don't have all the information we ask for, sign and submit your application anyway.** We'll follow up with you within 1–2 weeks. Filling out this application doesn't mean you have to buy health coverage.

Get help with this application

- **Online:** MarylandHealthConnection.gov.
- **Phone:** Call our consumer support center at **1-855-642-8572.**
- **In person:** There may be counselors in your area who can help. Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov, or call **1-855-642-8572** for more information.
- **En Español:** Llame a nuestro centro de ayuda gratis al **1-855-642-8572.**

NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION? Visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or call us at **1-855-642-8572**. Para obtener una copia de este formulario en Español, llame **1-855-642-8572**. If you need help in a language other than English, call **1-855-642-8572** and tell the customer service representative the language you need. We'll get you help at no cost to you. TTY users should call **TTY-1-855-642-8573**.

STEP 1 Tell us about yourself.

1. First name, Middle name, Last name, & Suffix

2. Home address (Leave blank if you don't have one.) | 3. Apartment or suite number

4. City | 5. State | 6. Zip code | 7. County

8. Mailing address (if different from home address) | 9. Apartment or suite number

10. City | 11. State | 12. ZIP code | 13. County

14. Phone number ( ) –

15. Other phone number ( ) –

16. Do you want to get information about this application by email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Email address: _____

17. What is your preferred spoken or written language (if not English)?

18. Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

19. Sex ☐ Male ☐ Female

20. Social Security number (SSN) ___ ___ ___ - ___ ___ - ___ ___ ___ ___

We need this if you want health coverage and have an SSN. We use SSNs to check income and other information to see if you're eligible for help with health coverage costs. If you need help getting an SSN, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit socialsecurity.gov. TTY users should call 1-800-325-0778.

21. Are you a U.S. citizen or U.S. national? ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. **If you aren't a U.S. citizen or U.S. national,** do you have eligible immigration status?

☐ Yes. Fill in your document type and ID number below.

a. Immigration document type _____

b. Document ID number _____

c. Have you lived in the U.S. since 1996? ☐ Yes ☐ No

d. Are you a veteran or an active-duty member of the U.S. military? ☐ Yes ☐ No

23. Are you pregnant? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many babies are expected during this pregnancy? _____

24. Do you have a physical, mental, or emotional health condition that causes limitations in activities (like bathing, dressing, daily chores, etc.) or live in a medical facility or nursing home? ☐ Yes ☐ No

25. **If Hispanic/Latino, ethnicity (OPTIONAL—check all that apply.)**

☐ Mexican ☐ Mexican American ☐ Chicano/a ☐ Puerto Rican ☐ Cuban ☐ Other _____

26. **Race (OPTIONAL—check all that apply.)**

☐ White
☐ Black or African American
☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
☐ Asian Indian
☐ Chinese
☐ Filipino
☐ Japanese
☐ Korean
☐ Vietnamese
☐ Other Asian
☐ Native Hawaiian
☐ Guamanian or Chamorro
☐ Samoan
☐ Other Pacific Islander
☐ Other _____

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STEP 2 Current job & income information

☐ **Employed –** If you're currently employed, tell us about your income. Start with question 1.

☐ **Not Employed –** Skip to question 11. ☐ **Self Employed –** Skip to question 10.

CURRENT JOB 1:

1. Employer name and address	2. Employer phone number	3. Average hours worked each week
	( ) –	

4. Wages/tips (before taxes) ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly

$ _____

CURRENT JOB 2: (If you have more jobs and need more space, attach another sheet of paper.)

5. Employer name and address	6. Employer phone number	7. Average hours worked each week
	( ) –	

8. Wages/tips (before taxes) ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Every 2 weeks ☐ Twice a month ☐ Monthly ☐ Yearly

$ _____

9. **In the past year, did you:** ☐ Change jobs ☐ Stop working ☐ Start working fewer hours ☐ None of these

10. **If self-employed, answer the following questions:**

a. Type of work

_____

b. How much net income (profits once business expenses are paid) will you get from this self-employment this month?

$ _____

11. **OTHER INCOME THIS MONTH:** Check all that apply, and give the amount and how often you get it.

NOTE: You don't need to tell us about child support, veteran's payment, or Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

☐ None

☐ Unemployment $ _____ How often? _____

☐ Pensions $ _____ How often? _____

☐ Social Security $ _____ How often? _____

☐ Retirement accounts $ _____ How often? _____

☐ Alimony received $ _____ How often? _____

☐ Net farming/fishing $ _____ How often? _____

☐ Other income $ _____ How often? _____

Type: _____

12. Do you pay student loan interest (not the amount of the loan) that can be deducted on a federal income tax return?

☐ YES. **If yes,** how much $ _____ How often? _____ ☐ NO.

13. **YEARLY INCOME:** Complete only if your income changes from month to month. If you don't expect changes to your monthly income, skip to step 3.

Your total income **this year**	Your total income **next year** (if you think it will be different)
$	$

STEP 3 Your health coverage

1. **Are you enrolled in health coverage now from any of the following?**

☐ YES. **If yes,** check which coverage you have. ☐ NO.

☐ Medicaid
☐ MCHP
☐ Medicare
☐ TRICARE (don't check if you have Direct Care or Line of Duty)
☐ Peace Corps
☐ VA health care programs
☐ Other

Name of health insurance

_____

Policy number

_____

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STEP 4 Read & sign this application.

- I'm signing this application under penalty of perjury, which means I've provided true answers to all the questions on this form to the best of my knowledge. I know that I may be subject to penalties under federal law if I intentionally provide false or untrue information.
- I know that I must tell Maryland Health Connection if anything changes (and is different than) what I wrote on this application. I can visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or call **1-855-642-8572** to report any changes. I understand that a change in my information could affect my eligibility.
- I know that under federal law, discrimination isn't permitted on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. I can file a complaint of discrimination by visiting www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file.
- I confirm that I'm not incarcerated (detained or jailed).
- I confirm that next year I expect to file a federal income tax return, won't claim dependents on that return, and can't be claimed as a dependent on anyone else's federal income tax return.
- I confirm that I'm not offered health coverage from an employer.

We need this information to check your eligibility for help paying for health coverage if you choose to apply. We'll check your answers using information in our electronic databases and databases from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security, the Department of Homeland Security, and/or a consumer reporting agency. If the information doesn't match, we may ask you to send us proof.

Renewal of coverage in future years

To make it easier to determine my eligibility for help paying for health coverage in future years, I agree to allow the marketplace to use income data, including information from tax returns. The marketplace will send me a notice, let me make any changes, and I can opt out at any time.

Yes, renew my eligibility automatically for the next

☐ 5 years (the maximum number of years allowed), or for a shorter number of years:

☐ 4 years ☐ 3 years ☐ 2 years ☐ 1 year ☐ Don't use information from tax returns to renew my coverage.

If I'm eligible for Medicaid

If I enroll in Medicaid, I'm giving the Medicaid agency my rights to pursue and get any money from other health insurance, legal settlements, or other third parties.

My right to appeal

If I think Maryland Health Connection or Medicaid/Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) has made a mistake, I can appeal its decision. To appeal means to tell someone at Maryland Health Connection or Medicaid/MCHP that I think the action is wrong, and ask for a fair review of the action. I know that I can find out how to appeal by contacting the marketplace at **1-855-642-8572**. I know that I can be represented in the process by someone other than myself. My eligibility and other important information will be explained to me.

Sign this application. The person who filled out Step 1 should sign this application. If you're an authorized representative, you may sign here as long as you have provided the information required in Appendix C.

Signature	Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

STEP 5 Mail completed application.

Mail your signed application to:

Maryland Health Connection
P.O. Box 857
Lanham, MD 20703-0857

What happens next?

We'll follow up with you within 1–2 weeks. You'll get instructions on how to take the next steps to get your health coverage. If you don't hear from us within 2 weeks, visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or call **1-855-642-8572**.

If you want to register to vote, you can complete a voter registration form at www.eac.gov/NVRA.

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