

Frequently Asked Questions

Information to help you complete your Basic Health application

Thank you for your interest in Basic Health. Enclosed you will find:

- A Basic Health application with a return envelope.
- *Understanding Basic Health*, with information on eligibility, benefits, coverage, and health plans.
- *Health Plans and Premiums*, to find health plans in your area, and help figure your monthly premium.
- A *Resource List for Basic Health*, with information on who to contact in your area for application assistance.

What do I need to send with my application?

Along with your **signed and completed application**, you need to provide proof of your address and income, and a copy of your federal income tax return from the most recent tax year.

Proof of Washington State residency

Send a copy of a document showing your name and current street address. Examples include:

- Your current utility bill showing physical address
- Washington State driver license or ID card
- Rent or mortgage receipt
- Current school registration

Documents only showing a post office box are not proof of your street address. If you live with someone else, you must provide proof of that person's street address and a signed statement from the individual saying you live there.

Proof of income

You must complete Section 7 of the application. **Page 5 of the application explains the types of documents to send in most situations.** Here are a few additional tips:

- A copy of one of the following showing proof of your income for last year:
 - Your IRS Form 1040 (federal income tax return) and all Schedules filed.
 - IRS transcript of your 1040, if you do not have a copy of your IRS Form 1040.
 - Letter from the IRS if you did not file a tax return (non-filing status). To request a transcript or letter of non-filing status, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040. If you have questions or cannot get documents from the IRS, call us at 1-800-660-9840.



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What do I need to send with my application?

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- **Zero income** If you or your spouse received no income or benefits in the last 30 days, complete the statement on the *Family Income Reporting Form* (page 4 of the enclosed Basic Health Application).
- **Self-employment** If you or your spouse are self-employed or have rental income, send a copy of all business forms and Schedules filed with the IRS, and your Schedule(s) K-1 (if applicable).

You must complete and send the *Self-Employment or Rental Income Reporting Form (Form A)* in Section 7 if you:

- Did not file a federal tax return; or
- Have been in business for less than 12 months.

If you have been in business for more than 12 months, but did not file a tax return, you must complete 12 months' worth of income information on the worksheet.

■ **Employer or sponsor account** – If your employer/sponsor is paying part or all of your premium, return your completed application to their representative. Do **not** send money with your application.

Please respond right away to requests for additional information; otherwise, you may be required to reapply for Basic Health.

Is there space available in Basic Health?

Basic Health can only enroll a limited number of people. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. If Basic Health is full, you may have to wait for space to become available. **Coverage is offered once you are found eligible and space is available.** You will be notified if your coverage will be delayed.

What is the Maternity Benefits Program?

Any woman who is pregnant when she applies for Basic Health will be enrolled in and receive benefits through the DSHS Maternity Benefits Program, if eligible for that program. Maternity Benefits Program coverage is free, and there are no copayments for services or prescriptions. See *Understanding Basic Health* for details.

Who should I list as my dependents?

On the application, Section 4, list:

- Your unmarried children, who are:
 - Under age 19, including your stepchildren, legally adopted children, or other children for whom you have legal guardianship (you must provide proof of legal guardianship); **or**
 - Under age 19, enrolling for coverage, and in your custody under an informal guardianship agreement signed by the child's parent(s) and authorizes you to obtain medical care for the child. You must provide a copy of the guardianship agreement and proof that you are providing at least 50 percent of the child's support; **or**
 - Under age 23, including your stepchildren, legally adopted children, or other children for whom you have legal guardianship (you must provide documentation of legal guardianship), and a full-time student in an accredited school (you must provide proof of full-time student status); **or**
- Your dependent of any age who is incapable of self-support due to disability. You must provide proof of disability and, if the disabled dependent is not your natural or adopted child, proof of legal guardianship.

Can I deduct child care expenses from my income?

Yes, if your dependent spends time in dependent care so the adults in the home can go to work or school. You must provide copies of your receipts that show the amount you paid, and the child care provider's name, address, and phone number (cannot be a parent or stepparent of the child or another of your dependents). If you are a student, send proof of enrollment from the school.

What if I'm sick or hurt before my coverage starts?

Basic Health will not pay for treatment until your coverage begins. Also, you may have a waiting period for pre-existing conditions even after your Basic Health coverage begins. See *Understanding Basic Health* for details.

Prescription drugs are not subject to a waiting period.

There are no waiting periods for pre-existing conditions for members of Basic Health *Plus* or the Maternity Benefits Program. Also, when applying for these programs, you may request help with unpaid medical bills for the last three months by answering "yes" to the appropriate question in Section 3.

Are dental and vision covered under Basic Health?

Basic Health does not cover dental or vision services. Dental and vision are available to members enrolled in Basic Health *Plus* and the Maternity Benefits Program.

What's next?

We review applications on a first-come, first-served basis. If additional information or documents are needed, we will send a letter asking for this information. Please note that requests for additional information will delay your enrollment, so include all information when you send in your application. If you are found eligible for Basic Health and space is available, you will receive an offer of enrollment and a bill for your first month's premium. Once enrolled, you will receive confirmation from Basic Health and your health plan. Your health plan will send your ID card and list of providers within the first 15 days of coverage.

Once you are enrolled, you will receive a *Basic Health Member Handbook*, which gives all the details of your Basic Health coverage.

If we delay your enrollment because Basic Health is full, and you submitted payment for coverage when you applied, Basic Health will notify you of the delay and refund your payment.

Helpful hints:

- Use the checklist at the end of the application to make sure you have sent all necessary documentation with your application.
- List all family members on the application even if you do not want coverage for them. Family members **do not** include girlfriends or boyfriends living in your home.
- If you want Basic Health *Plus* coverage for a child listed on your application, and the other biological parent of that child is living with you, send proof of that parent's gross income for the last 30-day period. Please be sure to list this parent in Section 5 of the application.
- Include birth dates for everyone listed on the application. Also, Social Security numbers are
 required for children enrolling in Basic Health *Plus* and for women applying for the Maternity
 Benefits Program.

Free coverage for kids!

Your children under age 19 may be eligible for free health coverage through Basic Health *Plus*. All of the information needed to apply is enclosed.

What is Basic Health *Plus***?**

Basic Health *Plus* is a Basic Health and Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) program. Your children will get care through the same health plan as other family members on Basic Health. There are no premiums, no deductibles, and no copayments.

In addition to the services your health plan provides, Basic Health *Plus* includes:

- Dental care
- Vision care
- Hearing care
- Physical therapy services



How do I enroll my children?

When you complete the Basic Health application, indicate in Section 3 whether you are applying for Basic Health *Plus* for anyone in your family. You will also need to answer "yes" to "Applying for Basic Health *Plus* coverage?" for the appropriate dependents in Section 4. DSHS will notify you once they have processed your application.

Is your family income higher than BH eligibilty guidelines and you are looking for coverage for your children? You can call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (1-877-543-7669) or visit the website **www.parenthelp123.org** to find out if your children may be eligibile for medical, dental and vision coverage. The cost is \$15 a month per child with maximum out of pocket expense of \$45 a month for a family.

Total number in your family	Gross Monthly income limit for low-cost coverage
1	\$2,167
2	\$2,917
3	3,667
4	4,417

Add \$750 for each additional family member. For questions or additional information about the program call: 1-877-KIDS-NOW.

Questions?

Please call Basic Health at 1-800-660-9840.





Si desea ayuda en español, llame al 1-800-321-0291.	Для обслуживания на русском языке, позвоните, пожалуйста, по телефону 1-800-387-822
한국어로 도움을 원하시면 1-800-324-1658로 연락하십시오.	Nếu quý vị muốn được giúp bằng tiếng Việt, xin gọi số 1-800-423-2231.

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Use blue or black ink to complete this application. Your Social Security number (SSN) is voluntary, unless you answer "yes" to any of the questions in Section 3. If you do not provide your SSN, we will assign an ID number to you. We depend on your SSN for verifying income with certain sources. If you do not provide your SSN, you will have to prove your eligibility for Basic Health more often.

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List all of your legal dependents, even if you do not want coverage for them or they are not living in your home. Do not list foster children. Dependents ages 19-22 must be enrolled full time in an accredited school (proof from school must be included) or have a documented disability to be listed on your application. (Refer to Understanding Basic Health for more information.)

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If any of your dependents (age 19 or over) are disabled or otherwise under your legal guardianship, **attach a copy of legal guardianship papers.** If your dependent child (through birth or adoption) has a disability, you only need to provide proof that he or she cannot support himself or herself due to disability.

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Last Name, first name, MI (List yourself first.)	Health insurance company or health program	Phone number of health insurance company or health program	Policy or group number	Policy end date
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Section 7: FAMILY INCOME

Fill in the following information for all current employers for yourself and your spouse, if legally married. If you need more room, use a separate sheet and include your full name and address.

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Employer's phone number		
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Family Income Reporting Form

Show gross amounts (before taxes) on this form.

Have you changed employers in the last 12 months? ☐ Yes ☐ No Has your income Briefly explain change(s)	changed in the	last 12 months	? 🗌 Yes 🔲 No
If you have not received a full 30 current/consecutive days of income or benefits for please explain why here. Also explain any periods for which you don't have documentation.	rom any source o	of income you lis	ted above,
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Self-employment or rental income	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Provide Washington State Unified Business Identifier (UBI) # Check box if no UBI # (For details on what to send Basic Health, see the next page.)	\$	\$	\$
Unemployment compensation, strike benefits	Yes No	Yes No	
Social Security benefits - circle types received	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Retirement Survivor Supplemental security (SSI) Disability If Social Security disability, date of entitlement	\$	\$	\$
Retirements, pensions, annuity benefits Is the amount received due to an early withdrawal? Yes No	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Child support, alimony/spousal maintenance received	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Insurance benefits, whether private or through employment, such as life, accident, long- or short-term disability	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Interest, dividends, trust, estate, inheritance, capital gains, gambling, lottery, royalties	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Veterans benefits, military allotments	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Workers' compensation	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Public assistance cash grants DO NOT INCLUDE FOOD STAMPS	Yes No	Yes No	Yes No
Income from any other source	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No
Explain	\$	\$	\$
Work- or school-related dependent/child care expenses	Yes No	☐ Yes ☐ No \$	

Explanation of income types and what to send with your Family Income Reporting Form

You must provide proof from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) of the following:

- Your IRS Form 1040, federal income tax form, and all schedules
- Schedule K-1 for each family member for each S-Corporation, partnership, or trust beneficiary
- A complete IRS transcript, if you do not have a copy of your IRS Form 1040
- Verification of non-filing status from the IRS if you did not file a tax return

To request a transcript or letter of non-filing status, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

Proof of income must include the name of the person paid, the **gross** amount(s) paid, and the dates paid. Send a full 30 days' proof for each income source. On a separate sheet, explain any gaps in income. **(Always send current documents.)** If you need another copy of this form, or would like more information about Basic Health, visit our Web site (**www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov**).

Do not mail originals to Basic Health; they will not be returned to you.

Explanation of income type	Examples of copies you might send
Wages, salary, tips, assistantships, commissions	 Pay stubs for four consecutive weeks or one month Signed and dated statement from employer(s)
Self-employment or rental income	 IRS 1040 and all applicable schedules Schedule K-1(s), if applicable Statement of income and expenses (any business not shown on 1040) Washington State Unified Business Identifier (UBI) number
Unemployment compensation, strike benefits	 Unemployment stubs for four consecutive weeks or one month Strike benefit statement Computer print-out from agency/payer
Social Security benefits	 Initial notice of award letter Statement showing monthly benefit amount Computer print-out from agency/payer
Retirements, pensions, annuity benefits	 Award letter or benefit statement Cost of living allotment statement Signed and dated statement from payer(s) Computer print-out from agency/payer
Child support, alimony/spousal maintenance	 Payment order Court documents or Division of Child Support (DCS) statement Signed and dated statement from payer(s) Computer print-out from agency/payer Copy of check or signed statement from recipient
Insurance benefits	Award letterCourt documentsStatement from institution
Interest, dividends, trust, estate, inheritance, capital gains, gambling, lottery, royalties	 IRS 1040 and all applicable schedules Statement from trustee, investment firm, bank, or financial institution Court documents Copy of contract
Veterans' benefits, military allotments	Award letter or benefit statementLeave and Earnings Statement (LES)
Workers' compensation	 Award letter or benefit statement Labor & Industries (L & I) payment order for four consecutive weeks (two consecutive orders)
Public assistance cash grants	 Award letter or benefit statement Computer print-out from Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)
Income from any other source	Signed and dated statement from payerSigned and dated statement from applicant/member
Personal care workers, independent providers	 Social Service Payment System (SSPS) invoice, and Remittance Advice, pages 1 and 2

Can dependent care expenses be deducted?

Yes; you may deduct work- or school-related dependent care expenses (work- or school-related means the dependent spends time in dependent care so that adults in the home can go to work or school). You must provide copies of receipts that include the amount you paid, the dates of care, and the dependent care provider's name, address, and phone number.

FORM A: Self-Employment or Rental Income Reporting Form

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ETHNIC BACKGROUND	WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR	WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT
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☐ White/Caucasian	☐ Family/friend	☐ Family/Friend ☐ Website
Indian (Native American)	Local, nonprofit organization	Government Office:
Eskimo	☐ Website	
Aleutian Islander/Aleut	☐ Medical office/hospital/clinic	Local, non-profit organization:
Asian or Pacific Islander (API)	Government office, such as DSHS or	
Hispanic/Latin American	health department	Medical office/hospital/clinic:
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Your signature Date Your signature Date

Must be signed by you and your spouse (if applicable)

Signature of all children age 18 and over who are applying for Basic Health coverage

Your signature

Date

Your signature

Date

Washington State law may require disclosure of any information you submit as a public record. Basic Health is administered by the Health Care Authority. Our Privacy Notice is available upon request by calling 360-923-2822 or online at **www.hca.wa.gov**.

Section 10: AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURE

I understand that:

- I must provide proof of my family's gross income (before taxes and deductions) and report income changes that would change my premium or eligibility to Basic Health/Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) within 30 days after the end of the month my income changed.
- By signing this form, I have authorized Basic Health and DSHS to verify my eligibility information and family income with other state or federal agencies or other third-party sources.
- I must report address changes and changes in my family. I must report, for example, my marriage or divorce, or the marriage or divorce of any family
 member on my account, the birth or adoption of a child, or the date when a child leaves home or is no longer a dependent or is no longer a full-time
 student.
- My application and the documents I send to Basic Health will be used to determine eligibility for DSHS programs (Basic Health *Plus* or the Maternity Benefits Program) according to DSHS program requirements.
- By asking for and receiving DSHS benefits, my family and I assign to the state of Washington our rights to any third-party payment for medical care of covered medical services while receiving medical benefits.
- Basic Health's deposit of my premium payment does not guarantee coverage. The payment will be refunded if I am determined ineligible for coverage.

I authorize my health plan or medical provider to give medical records for me or my children to Basic Health, for purposes of participation in Basic Health/DSHS programs.

I have read and I understand the information provided to me with the Basic Health application. I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information I have given in this application and the documents I send to Basic Health are true, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I or any member of my family, or any person on my behalf, submits false information, my family or I may lose coverage, may be held financially responsible for services obtained under Basic Health or additional or past premium amounts due, and may face other penalties and prosecution. Any debt owed to the state may be sent to a collection agency for recovery.

AGREEMENT MUST BE SIGNED BY YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE, IF LEGALLY MARRIED

X		X	
Signature of applicant	Date	Signature of spouse	Date
	Signature of al	l dependents age 18 and over	
X		X	
Signature	Date	Signature	Date
X		X	
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Use this checklist below to make sure you include:

Documentation of full 30 days' income from all sources.
Current tax year 1040 form, including all schedules and K-1 form, if you received one, or proof of nonfiling if not required to
file. If you did not file a Form 1040, call the Internal Revenue Service and ask for a letter of nonfiling status.
Documents showing your name and current street address.
Court order showing required child support you are paying, if applying for Basic Health <i>Plus</i> or the Maternity Benefits

☐ Application signed by all family members over age 18.

☐ Your health plan choice on the first page of this application.

☐ The Permission Form (included in this packet), if you'd like someone else to be able to access your account information.

Please submit all required forms and documentation.

Mail to: Basic Health, P.O. Box 94213, Seattle WA 98124-6513 FAX: 360-923-2910

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Questions? Call 1-800-660-9840
On the Internet, go to: www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov

