

# Health First Colorado (Medicaid) Buy-In Program

# **Navigation Services**



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# Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/buy-in-program-working-adults-disabilities

For individuals with disabilities, **ages 16 and older** who qualify to "buy-in" to Health First Colorado (Medicaid). If you work at least one hour a month, are disabled, and earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado you may qualify. If you qualify, you pay a monthly premium based on your income.

Adjusted Monthly Income	Monthly Premium Amount	
\$0-\$522	\$0 premium	
\$523-\$1,735	\$25 premium	
\$1,736-\$2,609	\$90 premium	
\$2,610-\$3,913	\$130 premium	
\$3,914-\$5,869	\$200 premium	

### What benefits will I receive in the Adult Buy-In?

The program provides access to regular Health First Colorado (Medicaid) services, which may include, but is not limited to, offices visits, hospitalizations, x-rays, home health services, durable medical equipment, and prescription medications.

# Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities

https://hcpf.colorado.gov/medicaid-buy-program-children-disabilities

The Health First Colorado Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities lets families of children under the age of 19 with a <u>qualifying disability</u> to 'buy-into' Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) for that child. If your child and/or your family earns too much for Health First Colorado or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) your child may qualify. If your child does qualify, you may pay a monthly premium to be in the program. The monthly premium is based on the family's income.

<b>Monthly Premium</b>	\$0	\$70	\$90	\$120
Family Size: 1	\$0 - \$1,735	\$1,736 - \$2,413	\$2,414 - \$3,261	\$3,262 - \$3,913
2	\$0 - \$2,345	\$2,346 - \$3,261	\$3,262 - \$4,407	\$4,408 - \$5,288
3	\$0 - \$2,954	\$2,955 - \$4,109	\$4,110 - \$5,553	\$5,554 - \$6,663
4	\$0 - \$3,564	\$3,565 - \$4,957	\$4,958 - \$6,698	\$6,699 - \$8,038
5	\$0 - \$4,173	\$4,174 - \$5,805	\$5,806 - \$7,844	\$7,845 - \$9,413
6	\$0 - \$4,783	\$4,784 - \$6,653	\$6,654 - \$8,990	\$8,991 - \$10,788
Federal Poverty Level (FPL)	0% - 133%	134% - 185%	186% - 250%	251% - 300%

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# **Department of Healthcare Policy and Finance (HCPF)**

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/medicaidbuyinprograms

- Customer Contact Center: 1-800-221-3943; Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Call for information you will need your Health First Colorado ID number (formerly "Medicaid number"), date of birth, and the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.
- You can also view information about the status of your benefits, verify the premium amount due, and
  make a premium payment on the PEAK website with a login and password (<a href="www.colorado.gov/PEAK">www.colorado.gov/PEAK</a>).
- For questions about Health First Colorado benefits:
  - o The Customer Contact Center is available to assist Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
  - Questions can also be emailed to customer service, visit <u>www.colorado.gov/hcpf/contact-hcpf</u> for more information.

## **How to Apply**

#### Online

- www.Colorado.gov/PEAK
- If you apply through PEAK and you do not have a current disability determination from the Social Security Administration, you must fill out the Medicaid Disability Application and Medical release and submit it to your eligibility determination site.

### In person or by mail

Complete the Application for Assistance: <a href="https://hcpf.colorado.gov/how-to-apply#by-mail">https://hcpf.colorado.gov/how-to-apply#by-mail</a>

#### By phone

• 1-800-221-3943, TDD: 1-800-659-2656

# **Premium Information**

#### How much is my premium payment and when is it due?

- Monthly premium payments are due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- Monthly premium letters will be mailed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of each month, indicating the amount due for the following month. The letters will specify the premium amount, due date and where to send the premium payment. If a payment is not due, the letter will show a zero or "not applicable" in that month's balance due area
- Failure to pay premiums within 60 days of the first missed payment will result in termination of benefits.

# How do I pay my premium?

- Monthly premiums can be paid by mailing a check or money order to the address listed on the premium letter received each month.
- Premiums may also be paid in person at:
  - 655 Bannock St, Pavilion 1, Denver. CO 80204
  - Monday-Friday 7am -5pm.
- You can also pay your premium online at www.colorado.gov/PEAK.
- Or send checks payable to "the Department of Healthcare Policy and Financing" to the address: 655
  Bannock St, Pavilion 1, Denver, CO 80204

#### What if I have questions about my premiums?

Call the call center at 1-800-359-1991.

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