Iowa Health Insurance Marketplace

www.healthcare.gov

CUT THE COST of Health Insurance

A new tax credit helps lower- and middle-income families
Do I Qualify?

If you answer **NO** to ALL of these questions, you may qualify:

1. Does your employer offer health insurance? □ YES □ NO

2. Do you receive Medicare? □ YES □ NO

3. Does your family make **more** than the yearly income below? □ YES □ NO

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If your income is near these amounts, you may still qualify.

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How Does the New Tax Credit Work?

What is this tax credit?
The Health Premium Tax Credit reduces the total amount of tax you owe the IRS. If you don’t owe, you can get a bigger refund. You get the tax credit to help cut the cost of your health insurance.

Can I use my tax credit for any health plan?
NO. You MUST buy your health insurance from:

Iowa Health Insurance Marketplace
1-800-318-2596
www.healthcare.gov

This new marketplace offers a wide variety of health plans with good benefits. All plans cover prescriptions, hospital stays, doctor visits and more. If you buy different coverage, you won’t get the tax credit help.

How much help will I get?
The amount depends on your family income and your family size. Lower income families get the most help.

When does it start?
The tax credit begins with insurance that starts January 1, 2014 — or later.

CALL 1-800-318-2596
## Two Ways to Take the Tax Credit

### Take It Now!

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<td>• Tell them you want the tax credit “in advance”</td>
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<td>• Choose to take all your credit in advance — or just part of it</td>
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<td>• Get a statement from your Health Insurance Marketplace showing how much tax credit you received in 2014</td>
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<td>• File your 2014 taxes, including information about tax credit already taken</td>
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### ADVANTAGE: Lower your health care premium each month!

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Jane needs to decide which way works best for her. Either way, she gets the same total tax credit for the year.

"If I take the tax credit now, I lower my monthly premium costs to $60."

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VISIT [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)
### You Decide!

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| **January 2015 – April 2015** | • File your 2014 taxes  
                                    • Subtract your tax credit from the tax you owe — or get a bigger refund if you don’t owe anything |

**ADVANTAGE:** Lower the amount you pay at tax time!

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**If I take the same tax credit later, I pay the full $300 premium now but get a bigger refund next April.**

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<td><strong>Yearly Tax Credit</strong></td>
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If you take the tax credit in **advance**, changes to your family size or income — or even a new job that offers health insurance — could mean you’re getting the wrong amount of tax credit. To make sure you get the right amount, call when you have changes:

**Iowa Health Insurance Marketplace**
1-800-318-2596
[www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov)

**When can family size change?**
- You get married or divorced
- You have a baby
- You no longer claim your child on your tax return

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**When can income change?**
- You get a raise
- You lose your job
- You take a salary cut

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**Remember:** It’s your responsibility to tell your state’s Marketplace!

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Right Tax Credit.

What if your income changes each month?
Talk to your Marketplace about taking a partial credit. Your monthly premiums will still be lower but not as much. By taking the rest at tax time, there is less chance of repayment.

What if your new job offers health insurance?
Call your state's Marketplace. You may no longer be eligible for your tax credit.

AVOID REPAYMENTS!

Claudia and Patrick's story
"In January, we decided to take the tax credit in advance. On August 1, I got a new job that increased our income so we no longer qualified for the tax credit. We forgot to tell our Health Marketplace. At tax time, we had to pay back $2,000."

| Tax credit they got over 12 months | $4,800 |
| Amount they should have gotten since credit ended in August | $2,800 |
| **Amount they must pay back** | **$2,000** |

Remember: You control how much tax credit you use in advance.

CALL 1-800-318-2596
5 How Do I Get Started?

- For details on whether you qualify and how much credit you will get, contact your state’s Health Insurance Marketplace:
  
  www.healthcare.gov
  
or Call Center
  
  1-800-318-2596

- Need more advice? Talk to local assistors, such as navigators, brokers or agents who are familiar with this new program.

- At tax time, talk to your tax preparer or find free tax preparation help at:
  
  irs.treasury.gov/freetaxprep
  
or call
  
  1-800-906-9887

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What Is the Individual Health Insurance Requirement?

General Rule:
January 1, 2014 individuals will be required to have qualifying health coverage* or pay a tax penalty if they are not covered

EXEMPTIONS

- 8% of your income goes to pay for health insurance
- Your income is below the threshold requiring for filing taxes (check www.irs.gov for current dollar amounts)
- You qualify for religious exemptions
- You are an undocumented immigrant
- You are incarcerated
- You are a member of an Indian tribe

TAX PENALTIES/IMPLICATIONS

Penalty consists of the greater of a percentage of income or a dollar amount

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<th>2016</th>
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<td>Percent of income</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>2%</td>
<td>2.5%</td>
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<td>Dollar amounts*</td>
<td>$95</td>
<td>$325</td>
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*annual increases after 2016

Questions?

*qualifying health coverage includes insurance provided by your employer, Medicaid, Medicare, Hawk-I, and major medical insurance purchased on your own.

For more information go to: healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596
Is a Change Needed in Your Health Coverage in 2014 to Meet Federal Requirements?

What insurance plans do you and other family member have now?

Are you having trouble affording coverage? Does your current coverage seem inadequate?

- Employer plan
- Individual coverage
- None
- Medicare
- Medicaid/hawk-i

No change in most cases. Contact employer or insurer if you have questions about your plan. Contact the Health Insurance Marketplace if you want to check eligibility for help for yourself or your family.

Go to the Marketplace if your employer does not offer qualified coverage. Gather information about employer offers of coverage.

Are you having trouble affording coverage? Are you interested in finding out if you or a family member can get help paying for coverage?

- Call the Health Insurance Marketplace. 1-800-318-2596
- No change. Contact SHIP for Medicare Assistance. 1-800-351-4464
- No Change. Contact Iowa Medicaid Enterprise for Medicaid assistance. 1-800-338-8366 or 515-256-4606 for Medicaid. Call 1-800-257-8563 for hawk-i.

- Premium Assistance under the Health Insurance Marketplace may be available based on family income.
- Individuals in the same family may be eligible for different programs and plans.

No change. Contact insurer if you have questions. Contact the Health Insurance Marketplace if you want to check eligibility for help.

This flow chart is not an eligibility screening tool and is not intended to be used as such. It is intended to provide a general overview of the best place for consumers to learn more about coverage options that will be available after implementation of the Affordable Care Act in 2014. In some cases, this will be the Marketplace but in others could be the Medicaid agency or their employer. The Health Insurance Marketplace will be responsible for officially determining a consumer’s eligibility to enroll through the Marketplace, receive federal subsidies through the Marketplace, or get coverage from Medicaid or the Children’s Health Insurance Program (hawk-i). Additional information can be found at Healthcare.gov or by calling 1-800-318-2596.

*Created with assistance from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and the Iowa Insurance Division.

Questions: Visit www.healthcare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596
What Types of Plans are Available on the Marketplace?

- **Bronze** - lowest premiums and highest out of pocket costs.
  Cost sharing of 60% paid by insurer; 40% paid by individual.

- **Silver** - lower premiums than gold and platinum, but with higher out-of-pocket costs.
  Cost sharing of 70% paid by insurer; 30% paid by individual.

- **Gold** – lower premiums than platinum, but with higher out-of-pocket costs.
  Cost sharing of 80% paid by insurer; 20% paid by individual.

- **Platinum** – highest premium with lowest out of pocket costs.
  Cost sharing of 90% paid by insurer; 10% paid by individual.

All Plans on the Marketplace:

- Have an annual out-of-pocket limit.

- Must offer essential health benefits:
  - Prescription drugs
  - Emergency services
  - Hospitalization
  - Maternity & newborn care
  - Pediatric services
  - Preventive and wellness services and chronic disease management
  - Mental health and substance abuse services
  - Laboratory services
  - Ambulatory patient services
  - Rehabilitative & habilitative services and devices

*Individuals under 30 years of age or who qualify for a “hardship exemption” may qualify for a Catastrophic (high deductible) plan. No tax subsidies available for this type of plan.

For more information go to: [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) or call 1-800-318-2596
What Type of Marketplace Assistance is Available?

**Enrollment Assistance**

Applications may be submitted online, by phone, by mail, or in person.

- Toll-free call center: 1-800-318-2596
- Website: healthcare.gov
- In person with assistance from a navigator or certified application counselor:
  - Navigators – Organizations from a navigator or certified application counselor
    - Consumer-focused non-profits
    - Tribes and tribal organizations
    - Local human service agencies
    - Agents and brokers
  - Certified Application Counselors – Volunteers, much like Navigators, to provide the enrollment assistance.
    - Community health centers
    - Hospitals
    - Health Care Providers
    - Social Service Agencies

**Premium Assistance and Public Programs**

Complete one application for:

- Medicaid
  - Healthcare program for those 0%-100% Federal Poverty Level (see chart on reverse of page)
- Children’s Health Insurance Program (hawk-i)
  - Affordable insurance for children under 19 who have no other health insurance
- Iowa Health and Wellness Plan
  - Iowa Wellness Plan – For adults age 19-64 with income up to and including 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart on reverse of page)
  - Marketplace Choice – For adults age 19-64 with income 101% to no more than 133% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Premium tax credit and reduced cost sharing
  - Premium Assistance for those 100% up to 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart on reverse of page)
- Enrollment into Qualified Health Plan through the Marketplace

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### 2013 - 2014 Federal Poverty Level Guidelines

Based on annual income

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<tr>
<th>Household Size</th>
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<td>For each additional person, add:</td>
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**Note:** The 100% column shows the federal poverty level for each family size, and the percentage columns that follow represent income levels that are commonly used as guidelines for health programs. Example: A family of four with annual income of $34,000 is between 133% and 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).