



# New changes for **C H I P**

**D**o your children need health coverage? Two-thirds of all uninsured children come from families in which a parent or guardian works full time. (SOURCE: Employee Benefit Research Institute Estimates from the March Current Population Survey, 2005 Supplement.) Even families earning as much as \$36,900 a year (family of our) may qualify for Children's Health through Idaho Medicaid. Idaho has changed the name of its program but not the services to children. CHIP is now referred to as Medicaid Basic Plan. Several new rules will help more children qualify.

One of the most significant changes says that the family's "assets or resources" do not matter. This means that families could have a savings account, a piece of property or a second car. If you applied in the past and were turned down because of being "over asset", apply again! Children under age 19 who are U.S. citizens or legal residents may get health care. Families can also chose to receive up to \$100 per child per month to help pay for an employer-sponsored or an individual health insurance plan. For more information, dial 2-1-1 or 1-(800)-926-2588 and request an application. You can also visit the website [www.modernizemedicaid.idaho.gov](http://www.modernizemedicaid.idaho.gov). Once covered under Medicaid, kids have access to benefits such as routine check ups, hearing and vision screenings, prescription medicines and hospitalization. Medicaid can provide a lifeline for parents working hard to make ends meet. Through these valuable programs, parents are no longer forced to choose between filling the refrigerator and filling a prescription. Call today!



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