

## Community Outreach

HIPP program representatives are always present in your local communities.

Community outreach efforts provide the HIPP program with opportunities to establish and maintain lasting partnerships with a number of health care facilities, community- and faith-based organizations, providers, social workers and program participants throughout South Carolina.

The HIPP program's presence at local health fairs, festivals, information sessions and other events provide this initiative with a forum to discuss HIPP-related news and topics, while answering any questions about the program's referral and approval processes.

## Regional HIPP Events

Coming soon, [www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov), will provide a comprehensive listing of HIPP program events taking place throughout South Carolina.

Please feel free to contact a HIPP program representative at 803-264-6838 or 803-264-6847 for more information about upcoming events.



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HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT



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The Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program is a cost containment initiative that maintains premium payments for Medicaid beneficiaries who retain their private health insurance. Under HIPP program guidelines, medical services must be covered by a beneficiary's private health insurance plan first, while Medicaid covers remaining service expenses secondly. However, those services must be deemed cost effective.

## Cost Effectiveness

Medicaid beneficiaries who are diagnosed with chronic medical conditions that require long-term treatment, which results in extensive medical costs, are typically deemed cost effective. The following are examples of common long-term illnesses that are considered cost effective:

- Cancer
- End stage renal disease
- Chronic heart problems
- HIV/AIDS

HIPP representatives can also determine if a beneficiary has other medical conditions that may qualify under the program's guidelines.

## Qualifications

To qualify for the HIPP program, prospective individuals must meet the following criterion:

- Currently enrolled as a South Carolina Medicaid beneficiary
- Medicaid enrollment must be Fee-For-Service, only
- Maintains private health care insurance coverage and enrollment
- Medical needs must be determined cost effective.

## Program Benefits

HIPP offers the following benefits to program participants, health care providers and South Carolina residents.

- Medicaid beneficiaries who maintain their private health insurance can increase their accessibility to medical care
- HIPP participants receive premium reimbursement payments to offset medical costs
- Providers receive maximum payment amounts for services rendered
- Tax payers save money because HIPP program participants maintain their private health coverage

## Referral Sources

There are several referral sources throughout South Carolina. Qualified individuals may contact the following types of groups who are familiar with the HIPP program, and who can help applicants begin the referral process.

- Health care providers
- South Carolina State Agencies
- Community- and Faith-based Organizations

## How to Apply

Qualified individuals are encouraged to apply for the HIPP program by initiating the following steps:

- Contact a designated health care provider to begin the referral/application process
- Complete and submit the HIPP referral form, which includes the applicant's medical diagnosis
- Gather and submit all other required support documents, like private health insurance premium invoices or paycheck stubs, private health plan booklets or summary of benefits, and four-to-six months of Explanation of Benefits (EOBs)