

Healthy Kids *are Better Learners*



Health Insurance is a Family Matter

Parents' Medical Coverage

41 million Americans are uninsured and 80% of them come from working families. These families work one or more part time jobs, are self-employed, or they are employed by a company that does not offer health insurance. Many families fear that the only choice is between unaffordable health insurance and risking bankruptcy in the event of a major medical emergency.

WAHA is ready to help you explore your state, federal, and commercial insurance choices. For example:

- Washington State Basic Health, subsidized commercial insurance, is available to anyone living in Washington who meets the income criteria outlined below.
- Catastrophic or High-deductible plans often include coverage of preventive care like immunizations and annual exams before the deductible is met.
- Health Savings Accounts allow you to save and spend money (tax-free) to meet the deductible of a high-deductible insurance plan.
- Medicaid can cover pregnant women with fairly high incomes. For example, a couple expecting their first child can make up to \$2600 a month and still qualify.

The Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA) is a local, non-profit community service that is committed to increasing health access for all members of our community. We can help you explore and compare your health insurance options, as well as navigate the process of applying.

Qualifying for Basic Health					
Family Size	2	3	4	5	More...
Monthly Gross Income	\$2200	\$2768	\$3334	\$4468	Add \$568 for each additional family member

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