

# Services for the Uninsured in Baltimore County

The Baltimore County Department of Health offers many services to the uninsured residents of Baltimore County. The chart below provides a brief description of these services. Often, case managers in the Department coordinate these benefits by assisting clients in navigating the complex healthcare system. Case managers complete applications for which their clients may be eligible and contact local hospitals and medical providers for additional services when indicated.

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Bridge Program</b>	The Partners Health Improvement Program, in conjunction with Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic, sponsors the Kaiser Bridge Program. Full health care coverage is offered to approximately 600 residents for a 3 year time period. Monthly cost is \$19.35 for individuals at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or \$38.70 for individuals at or below 175-250% FPL.
<b>Access to Care</b>	Clients waiting for a slot in the Bridge Program are provided the name of a FQHC (federally qualified health center) in their area to receive care. The client is linked with a financial counselor to establish a sliding scale fee. Also included in this Access to Care Program are reduced lab and radiology fees.
<b>Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHP)</b>	MCHP is an expanded Medical Assistance Program that provides health insurance to pregnant women and children with low to moderate-incomes. No fee for individuals under 200% of FPL. Premium program-\$46/month for those under 250% of FPL or \$58/month for those between 251-300% of FPL.
<b>Medicaid Assistance for Families</b>	Effective 7/1/08, Senate Bill 6 included a provision to expand Medicaid eligibility to low income families with dependent children with incomes up to 116% of the FPL who meet technical requirements. Provides health insurance to parents, children up to the age of 21 and caretaker relatives.
<b>Well Child Clinic</b>	Preventive care for children from birth through 21 years of age.
<b>Family Planning Services</b>	Counseling and instruction for the full range of family planning and birth control methods. Also provides pregnancy testing and testing and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. Fees are based on ability to pay.
<b>Dental Services</b>	The dental clinics accept children 0-21 years of age and residents 60 years of age or older who do not have any form of dental insurance. Sliding scale fees apply. The Dental Access program is a joint referral program between the Baltimore County Health Dept and the Baltimore County Dental Association. To qualify for the program the client cannot have any form of dental insurance or third party reimbursement and must meet financial guidelines. Those who qualify can receive a discounted fee for services provided by private participating dentists.
<b>Cancer Prevention Program (CPP)</b>	Targets seven cancers for education, screening, diagnosis, and/or treatment services. CPP pays Maryland Health Insurance Program (MHIP) premiums and/or Medical Assistance spend-down (as funds allow) for clients diagnosed with breast, cervical, colorectal, skin, prostate, oral, or lung cancer. Clients diagnosed with these cancers are obligated to apply for Medicaid and charity care funding at the hospital where they receive treatment.
<b>Prescription Drugs</b>	Baltimore County's National Association of Counties (NACO) discount drug program provides residents with a card to use at their pharmacy to obtain prescription medications at an average 20% discount. The Department also coordinates with Medbank by utilizing their software program, which provides access to medications via indigent pharmaceutical programs and Medbank.



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