

# Form to Opt Out of Screening for Public Health Insurance and Hospital Discounted Care

Prior to completing this form, you should have read “Your Rights as a Patient, Under the Hospital Discounted Care Program.” By completing this form, you are knowingly deciding to opt out of screening for public health insurance programs and hospital discounted care.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (patient name) have received the following information from \_\_\_\_\_ (hospital name) in the language in which I feel most comfortable. I understand the purpose of this form.

## Please read and initial each of the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ The hospital told me about public health insurance programs (Medicaid, Emergency Medicaid, Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+), Medicare, and financial help for private insurance) and discounted care and payment plans (Colorado Indigent Care Program and the Hospital Discounted Care Program). See next page for more information on these programs.

- See next page for more information on public health insurance programs. For more information on discounted care and payment plans, visit: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/hospital-discounted-care>
- For more information about your right to be screened for hospital discounted care, see Colorado Revised Statute §25.5-3-501

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand that:

- Public health insurance programs can help pay my medical bills with little or no cost to me.
- Discounted care and payment plans may reduce the cost of my care received in a hospital.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand:

- Choosing not to be checked for eligibility for these programs means I will not find out if I may qualify for these programs at this time.
- If I choose not to be checked, I may lose the right to take legal action against the hospital for not checking me.
- If I choose not to be checked today, I can ask to be checked later. If I ask within 45 days of the date I received services, the hospital must check my eligibility.

If you want to opt out of screening, please read and initial the appropriate box or boxes below. If you would like to be screened, you should leave these boxes blank.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my eligibility to be checked for public health insurance programs today.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not want my eligibility to be checked for discounted health care and payment plans today.

First and Last Names of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Patient: \_\_\_\_\_

First and Last Name of Legal Guardian or Parent (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Legal Guardian or Parent (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Hospital Service: \_\_\_\_\_

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE AND FINANCIAL HELP OPTIONS

**Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program)** is a public health insurance program. It pays for health care services for low-income adults, children, older adults, and people with disabilities. People with Health First Colorado pay very little or nothing for health care services covered by the program. To qualify, you must be a resident of Colorado, and you must be a citizen or have a qualified immigration status. Medicaid can cover services that you received up to three months before you submitted your application.

- *Learn more and apply:* Visit [www.healthfirstcolorado.com](http://www.healthfirstcolorado.com) or call 1-800-221-3943.

**Emergency Medicaid** is a public health insurance program that helps people pay for serious medical emergencies. It is for people in low-income households who are not eligible for Medicaid because of their immigration status, such as people who do not have a lawful immigration status. Emergency Medicaid only covers “life- or limb-threatening” emergencies, including severe cases of COVID-19, the birth of a baby, dialysis for End-Stage Renal Disease, and other life-threatening emergencies such as a heart attack. It does not cover routine (non-emergency) health care services. Emergency Medicaid can cover emergency services that you received up to three months before you submitted your application.

- *Learn more:* Visit <http://www.healthfirstcolorado.com/emergency-medicaid> to learn more.
- *To apply:* visit [CO.gov/PEAK](http://CO.gov/PEAK) (best option for people without documentation)
  - To submit a paper application for Health First Colorado and write “Emergency Medicaid” on the top or call 1-800-221-3943.

**Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+)** is public low-cost health insurance for pregnant people and children aged 18 and under. It is for people who earn too much to get Health First Colorado (Medicaid) but not enough to pay for insurance. To qualify, you must be a resident of Colorado, and you must be a citizen or have a qualified immigration status.

- *Learn more and apply:* To learn more, visit [hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus](http://hcpf.colorado.gov/child-health-plan-plus) or call 1-800-359-1991. When you're ready to apply, visit [CO.gov/PEAK](http://CO.gov/PEAK).

**Medicare** is a federal health insurance program. It is for people aged 65 or older, people under 65 who get Social Security disability benefits, people with End-Stage Renal Disease, and people with Lou Gehrig's Disease (ALS). It helps with the cost of care, but it doesn't cover all medical costs. It also doesn't cover the cost of most long-term care.

- *Learn more and apply:* Visit [www.medicare.gov/basics/get-started-with-medicare](http://www.medicare.gov/basics/get-started-with-medicare) or call Medicare Customer Service at 1-800-633-4227.

**Financial help** for private insurance is available for low- and middle-income people who buy private health insurance on Colorado's official health insurance marketplace, Connect for Health Colorado. People with private health insurance typically pay more for health care, but financial help can help low- and middle-income people with those costs if they buy the insurance plan from Connect for Health Colorado. This financial help can lower the amount you have to pay for private health insurance each month and can sometimes lower the amount you have to pay for health care you receive.

- *Learn more and apply:* Visit [connectforhealthco.com](http://connectforhealthco.com) or call 855-752-6749