

Re: Proposed Changes to KidCare - Opportunity to Comment

Dear [Parent's Name],

We hope this email finds you and your family well. We're reaching out to share some important updates about Florida KidCare.

**Changes to KidCare:** In 2023, Florida's lawmakers passed a law to expand KidCare eligibility to families who earn up to 300% of the federal poverty level (the current eligibility limit is 200%). The expansion was supposed to take effect January 1, 2024, but was delayed. The state is now requesting approval from the federal government to implement this expansion.

Whereas current KidCare premiums are \$15 or \$20 per month, as a part of the expansion the state proposes six (6) new premium levels based upon income levels. The proposed premiums for children in a household of four (4) would be:

<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Proposed Premium</u>
\$41,496 - \$54,600	\$ 17
\$54,600 - \$65,520	\$ 30
\$65,520 - \$73,320	\$ 60
\$73,320 - \$79,560	\$ 95
\$79,560 - \$85,800	\$ 145
\$85,800 - \$93,600	\$ 195
Above \$93,600 (unsubsidized)	\$ 248

These premiums would increase by 3% every year.

**What you can do:** Florida's proposal is open for public comment, and the federal government wants to hear directly from people who will be affected by it. Make your voice heard by [submitting a public comment](#) by **April 28, 2024**. It's really easy to do. Public comments can and do make a meaningful difference in the changes that are ultimately approved.

We encourage you to share your story and perspective on how these proposed changes would affect your family. For example:

- Did your child recently lose Medicaid due to the end of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency?
- If your child has already transitioned to KidCare, how is it working for you and how will you be affected by the new premiums?
- Is your child currently ineligible for subsidized KidCare, but will be eligible when the expansion is implemented?
- Are the proposed monthly premium levels affordable for you?

- Does your family's monthly income go up and down? Are you concerned that you could not afford the premium in the months when your income is lower?
- Do you have any other comments about the KidCare program?

Your insights will help policymakers better understand the challenges faced by families in accessing affordable healthcare coverage for their children, and help shape the future of KidCare in Florida.

If you would like to read more about Florida's proposal, please review [FHJP's Children's Health Coverage Updates & Issues](#) (scroll to second page regarding "KidCare Expansion") which has links to additional materials.

If you would like further information or have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,