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Kaiser Permanente Bridge Health Plan

What is the Bridge Program?

The Bridge program is a dues subsidized health plan from Kaiser Permanente for low income uninsured individuals who have no access to affordable health care coverage and are not eligible for any public or private health insurance coverage. Bridge was designed to assist people who are facing short-term problems, therefore membership at subsidized rates is limited to a once in a lifetime, two year maximum period. As the Bridge community partner, Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc. (BHCA) processes eligibility for the program.

What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible for Bridge you must **not** be eligible for Medicaid or Medicare, or affordable private health insurance through your employer. You must also be a Baltimore resident, be working, and meet income requirements and an asset test. Please see the chart below for income information.

| Family Size | Annual Household Income |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | \$32,670 |
| 2 | \$44,130 |
| 3 | \$55,590 |

Add \$11,460 for each additional household member

What are the benefits with Bridge?

| Benefit | Copayment/Discount | Benefit | Copayment/Discount |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Office visit | | Inpatient hospitalization | \$0 per admission |
| Primary care | \$5 copayment | (includes medical, maternity, mental health and chemical dependency stays) | |
| Specialty care | \$10 copayment | Lab and Radiology | \$0 copayment |
| Dental services | Discounted | Maternity care | \$0 copayment |
| Emergency services | \$50 copayment | Outpatient surgery | \$50 copayment |
| (waived if admitted to the hospital) | | Prescription drugs | \$0 Deductible |
| Vision care | | Generic | \$10 copayment |
| Eye exams | \$0 copayment | Brand | \$20 copayment |
| Frames and lenses | 25% discount | Maximum | \$none |
| Contact lenses | 15% discount | | |

How do I get an application?

Call Baltimore HealthCare Access today at 410-649-0521 extension 3090. We will be happy to send you an application and answer your questions about Bridge.