# Flerida KidCare

#### HOW FLORIDA KIDCARE WORKS

Through Florida KidCare, the state of Florida offers health insurance for children from birth through the end of age 18, even if one or both parents are working.

When families apply for the insurance, they are assigned to the appropriate Florida KidCare program based on age and family income:

- MediKids: 1-4 years
- Florida Healthy Kids: 5-18 years
- Children's Medical Services (CMS): birth-18 years, with special health care needs
- Medicaid: age-based eligibility tied to Federal Poverty Level

All Florida KidCare programs, including Florida Healthy Kids, cover doctor visits, checkups, immunizations, surgeries, prescriptions, emergencies, dental care and more.

Many Florida KidCare families pay as little as \$15 a month – and many other families pay nothing at all. Families that do not qualify for subsidized coverage can still utilize the full-pay option.

Florida KidCare continues to bring tangible cost savings and an affordable peace of mind to parents across Florida.



#### BY THE NUMBERS - 2015

- 2.3 million children are covered by Florida KidCare\*
- 445,000 Florida children are uninsured\*
- 70 percent of uninsured children qualify for subsidized Florida KidCare coverage\*\*
- 47th place is where Florida ranks in the nation for percentage of uninsured children\*\*
- \$20 is the monthly premium that most KidCare families pay

Sources: \*Florida KidCare Enrollment Report (7/2015) and
\*\*Georgetown University Health Policy Institute/KidsWell (4/2015)

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

Combined enrollment of the four Florida KidCare programs grew to more than 2.25 million children during the back to school season in 2014, up more than 8% from the previous year.\*

The number of applications received by Florida KidCare also continued to grow in 2014.\*\*

97% of Florida KidCare families say they agree that the small monthly premium is worth the peace of mind they receive from knowing their children have access to needed health insurance coverage and services.\*\*

95% of Florida KidCare families say they feel good about paying for part of their children's health insurance coverage.\*\*

Sources: \*Florida KidCare Enrollment Report and \*\*Florida KidCare Program Evaluation 2014

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Families can apply for Florida KidCare through several different "doors:"

- Florida Healthy Kids Corporation
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- Federally Facilitated Marketplace