



**Do you know kids who can't play school sports because they can't afford a sports physical?**

The South Carolina Medicaid Program provides well-child screenings (EPSDT\*) for children up to age 21. A child's EPSDT screening covers the same components as a sports physical. When the child has the comprehensive physical examination and the visit meets the requirements of a complete EPSDT visit, the physician can complete the sports physical.

### **How can you help kids qualify for Medicaid coverage?**

The Benefit Bank of South Carolina offers a **free** intake service to assist families in accessing Medicaid coverage for their children.

- Visit [www.thebenefitbank.org](http://www.thebenefitbank.org) or call 1-800-726-8774 to find the nearest location.
- Call Alicia Jacobs at (803) 553-6960 for marketing materials and outreach initiatives.

### **Which kids usually qualify for Medicaid?**

- ✚ Under age 19, no matter with whom they live
- ✚ Those who qualify for Free or Reduced lunch
- ✚ In families eligible for Food Stamps or Financial Assistance from DSS
- ✚ Children of State or County employees
- ✚ Children born in the United States whose parents are not citizens

### **Did you know?**

**No**, birth certificates are no longer required to apply for Medicaid.

**Yes**, a child living with someone other than their parent can still qualify for Medicaid.

**No**, a parent does not have to sign child support papers to apply for coverage for a child.

**No**, an interview at the Medicaid Office is not required to apply. A person can apply with a TBB-SC counselor or mail in an application.

**Yes**, a person can have a job and apply for coverage for a child. A person can also own a car and a home.

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#### **\*EPSDT**

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program provides periodic well care visits to Medicaid eligible children from age birth to 21. The screening package includes a comprehensive health and developmental history, including assessment of both physical and mental health development, a comprehensive physical examination, appropriate immunizations, health education and vision and hearing screenings. Screenings are allowed two years apart for Medicaid eligible children ages 8 through 21.