

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION: IF YOU ARE COVERED UNDER YOUR PARENT'S KAISER PERMANENTE HEALTH PLAN

## YOU'RE HAVING A BABY, CONGRATULATIONS!

Are you covered under your parent's Kaiser Permanente health plan? If you answered "yes," then your baby may not qualify for health coverage under Kaiser Permanente. This includes newborn care and circumcision, while in the hospital.

### **The grandchild of a Kaiser Permanente subscriber does not usually qualify for Kaiser Permanente coverage.**

Your baby may qualify for health coverage through Kaiser Permanente if your parent, who is the Kaiser Permanente subscriber:

- adopts your baby, or
- takes full legal custody of your baby, or
- takes court-ordered guardianship of your baby.

Your parent must enroll the baby in a timely manner. In these cases, health coverage is usually effective on the date that the subscriber or subscriber's spouse adopts, takes court-ordered guardianship or legal custody. The Kaiser Permanente Member Services Department will need official paperwork before coverage is definite.

If you and your parents agree that they will adopt your baby or will take full legal custody or court-ordered guardianship, your parent should contact his/her employer's benefits office to make plans and complete paperwork.

You and your parents may agree that they will not legally adopt or take full legal custody or court-ordered guardianship of your baby. If that is the case, here are some options:

- After your baby is born, you may qualify to buy a Kaiser Permanente direct pay plan. There are plans to cover just your baby and plans to cover both of you. This is called Kaiser Permanente for Individuals and Families. Call **(800) 574-3556** for more information.
- Apply for Medical Assistance (Medicaid) for your baby as soon as he/she is born. Call the Social Services or Family Services department in your area.

### **Baltimore Area**

Baltimore City .....	(443) 423-6400
Baltimore County .....	(410) 887-2243
Anne Arundel County .....	(410) 222-7095
Carroll County .....	(800) 966-3877
Harford County .....	(410) 836-4700
Howard County .....	(410) 872-8700

### **Suburban Maryland and Washington, DC Area**

Washington, DC .....	(202) 698-4350
Maryland Medical Assistance Hotline .....	(800) 456-8900
Charles County .....	(301) 609-6900
Frederick County .....	(301) 600-1603
Montgomery County .....	(240) 777-0311
Central P.G. County .....	(301) 883-7879
Northern P.G. County .....	(301) 583-5920
Southern P.G. County .....	(301) 856-9400
St. Mary's County .....	(301) 475-4330

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, dial 711 for a Relay Operator.

## Northern Virginia Area

Alexandria City .....	(703) 746-5700
Arlington County .....	(703) 228-1350
Fairfax County Dept of Family Services .....	(703) 324-7500
Loudoun County Dept of Family Services .....	(703) 777-0353
Prince William County Dept of Social Services .....	(703) 792-7500 option 3
Stafford County .....	(540) 659-3101

Medicaid coverage will usually pay for the medical care your baby receives at birth. This includes the hospital circumcision and ongoing pediatric care. You will need to select a doctor who accepts Medicaid. The Social Services or Family Services Department can provide you with a list of doctors who participate in Medicaid.

If your baby qualifies for Medicaid, he or she will also qualify for your County's *WIC* (Women, Infants and Children) Nutrition Program. Please discuss this with the County Social Services or Family Services Department.

**The health care of your baby is very important. Please review this information sheet with your parent as soon as possible. Make sure your baby will have medical care at the time of birth, adoption, court-ordered guardianship or legal custody appointment. Remember, you will continue to receive medical care from Kaiser Permanente, however your baby may not.**

## For more information

If you have any questions about your newborn baby's coverage, please contact:

- Kaiser Permanente Member Services, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Call **(301) 468-6000** or **(800) 777-7902** (toll-free). If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call 711 or **(800) 201-7165**.
- Kaiser Permanente Medical Financial Assistance, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Call **(301) 816-6615**. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call 711 for the Relay Operator.