



# Healthchek

## Health Care Your Kids Need and You Can Afford

Ohio parents work hard to give their children what they need to grow and learn. Through Healthchek, Ohio's special Medicaid benefit for kids, parents can give their children the health care they need to keep small health problems from

growing into big ones. And for qualifying kids, Healthchek care costs nothing for their parents.



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# Healthcek for Your Child in 3 Steps

## Step 1: Apply

When you apply for Medicaid, Food Stamps, or similar programs, the packet should include a one-page “Healthcek and Pregnancy Services Assessment” form. To enroll your child in Healthcek, just complete the form and send it in with the rest of your paperwork.

If you do not have a Healthcek form, call your county’s Healthcek coordinator, or download a form through [www.vfc-oh.org/healthcek](http://www.vfc-oh.org/healthcek).

## Step 2: Checkup

Use the following schedule to plan your child’s visits to the doctor for Healthcek checkups:

Age	Checkups
Less than 1	First week; 1 month; months 2, 4, 6, and 9
Age 1	1 <sup>st</sup> birthday; 15 months; 18 months
Age 2:	2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday; 30 months
Age 3+	Once a year

## Step 3: Care When They Need It

When a Healthcek checkup turns up a possible problem, additional tests and necessary care are covered by Healthcek. Your child’s doctor should give you a “Letter of Medical Necessity,” explaining the required services (like eyeglasses or dental care). Take that letter to the specialist’s office and confirm that they will accept payment through Healthcek, then make an appointment.



### What Does Healthcek Cover?

Healthcek starts with basic screenings that every child needs, like:

- Comprehensive physical exam
- Immunizations
- Vision test
- Hearing test
- Nutrition test
- Developmental test
- Lead poisoning test

Healthchek also covers education services that can give parents the skills to protect their kids from common health problems. Covered services include basic health education, injury prevention, and nutritional counseling.

And Healthchek also covers health care when problems turn up during Healthchek screenings. Kids can go to the doctor, the dentist, or the hospital if they need to. Lab tests and x-rays are covered. Even home health services, medical equipment like diabetes blood testing kits, and physical therapy are covered when a doctor says they are necessary.

### **Problems With Your Managed Care Plan?**

If your child receives Healthchek through a managed care plan, and the plan denies services, there are things you can do to help your kids.

You can ask for a hearing where you can show letters or other documentation from your child's doctor explaining why the services are necessary. The managed care plan's written denial notice should include a form you can use to request a hearing. If it does not, call Ohio's Medicaid consumer line, toll-free, at 800-324-8680, to request a form.

If you mail your hearing request form within 15 days of receiving the managed care plan's denial notice, your child can keep receiving benefits during the hearing process. But if the hearing is decided in favor of the managed care plan, you may have to pay for care your child received during the hearing process. You must request a hearing within 90 days of receiving the managed care plan's denial notice.

You may also choose to ask for help through your local legal aid office. If you want legal help, call 800-589-5888, toll-free, for a legal aid office near you.

### **A Helping Hand**

Being a good parent is hard enough without having to worry about your children's health. Healthchek offers a helping hand for busy parents, by ensuring that their children can get the checkups they need to stay healthy and the health care they need when problems arise. More than a million Ohio children are eligible for Healthchek. Enroll your children today.





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