



Corona Pandemic- Health Insurance FAQ's

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Among the many concerns that many community members have during these difficult financial times is their health insurance premiums. Applying for health insurance programs and subsidies through New York State of Health can provide some financial relief. Below are some frequently asked questions to help gain clarity on some of the program regulations.

I just lost my job or was furloughed, but my past tax returns would make me ineligible for any kind of help. Should I still apply?

When completing an application through New York State of Health, the income reported is the projected income for the current calendar year (i.e., January to December of 2020). The system will account for the loss of income when determining eligibility. In some cases, they may disregard prior income entirely.

I am currently receiving unemployment. In addition, I got a stimulus check as well as extra money through unemployment. Do I need to report these on my application?

Unemployment must be reported. If you have tax dependent children the extra \$600 that you receive through unemployment should not be reported. If you do not have tax dependent children you may still be able to disregard that income. You will need to call the New York State of Health for more information.

Stimulus checks should not be reported on the application.

I came in from Israel to visit my family; can I apply for insurance through New York State of Health?

New York State of Health guidelines require individuals to reside in New York for six months out of the year in order to apply. However due to the current situation, as many families are stuck here indefinitely, they may apply for all programs and benefits.

We encourage all those looking for assistance to apply online at www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov or call 855-355-5777.

Alternatively, you may call any of the following numbers for assistance:

516-828-1371

516-216-9567

516-828-2492

If you still require assistance with your application, our office will be open for safe, social distant, limited appointments, beginning Monday, April 27.