

What Kind of Health Coverage Can You Get from MNsure?

Use this chart developed by TakeAction Minnesota to get a quick sense of what kind of health coverage is available through MNsure, and what your expected monthly cost (premium) might be (note: “FPL” is short for “Federal Poverty Level”). If you have questions about your situation or need help connecting with an insurance exchange navigator for your area, contact Land Stewardship Project healthcare organizer Paul Sobocinski at 507-342-2323 or sobopaul@redred.com. To enroll in MNsure, see www.mnsure.org.

Step 1. How many people are in your household?

By “household,” we mean people on your tax return or family members who live together, not your roommate. Find that number in the column below, and then look to the right until you find your approximate household income in that row (the combined income of your household members).

Step 2. What's your category?

Follow the arrow down from your column to see what folks in your category can expect to pay for public or private coverage on MNsure.org.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD?	138% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...	280% FPL PREGNANT WOMEN & KIDS* WITH HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...	200% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...*	250% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...	300% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...	350% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...	400% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME UP TO...	OVER 400% FPL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS...
1	\$0 to \$16,104	\$0 to \$32,676	\$16,105 to \$23,340	\$29,175	\$35,010	\$40,845	\$46,680	OVER \$46,680
2	\$0 to \$21,707	\$0 to \$44,044	\$21,708 to \$31,460	\$39,325	\$47,190	\$55,055	\$62,920	OVER \$62,920
3	\$0 to \$27,310	\$0 to \$55,412	\$27,311 to \$39,580	\$49,475	\$59,370	\$69,265	\$79,160	OVER \$79,160
4	\$0 to \$32,913	\$0 to \$66,780	\$32,914 to \$47,400	\$59,625	\$71,550	\$83,475	\$95,400	OVER \$95,400
5	\$0 to \$38,516	\$0 to \$78,148	\$38,517 to \$55,820	\$69,775	\$83,730	\$97,685	\$111,640	OVER \$111,640
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON, ADD...	\$5,603	\$11,368	\$8,120	\$10,150	\$12,180	\$14,210	\$16,240	# INCREASES WITH FPL

A
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

B
MINNESOTACARE PREMIUMS

C
PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR MNSURE PLANS

D
MNSURE PLANS

A MEDICAL ASSISTANCE \$0 PREMIUM

If your household income is in the range shown, you may qualify for MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA)** MA is Minnesota's Medicaid program. If you qualify for MA you pay NO PREMIUMS and NO DEDUCTIBLE. You may pay small co-pays for some services.

B MINNESOTACARE PREMIUMS UP TO \$50/MONTH PER PERSON

If your household income is in this range, you may qualify for MinnesotaCare.*** MinnesotaCare enrollees pay LOW PREMIUMS of \$21-\$50 a month per adult, NO DEDUCTIBLE, and low co-pays.

C PREMIUM ASSISTANCE BASED ON YOUR INCOME

If your household income is in this range, you may qualify for Advance Premium Tax Credits (APTC) for private insurance plans sold on MNsure.*** These plans are ranked Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum. Bronze plans generally have lower monthly premiums, but you may pay more to use your coverage. Platinum plans generally have higher premiums, but offer better coverage. Silver plans are in the middle. The federal government created a sliding scale for what's considered an affordable amount (your “expected contribution”) to spend on an insurance premium. The most you are expected to pay for a mid-level silver plan is shown in this chart:

PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	201% FPL	250% FPL	300% FPL	350% FPL	400% FPL
1	\$123/MO	\$196/MO	\$277/MO	\$323/MO	\$370/MO
2	\$165/MO	\$264/MO	\$374/MO	\$436/MO	\$498/MO
3	\$208/MO	\$332/MO	\$470/MO	\$548/MO	\$627/MO
4	\$250/MO	\$400/MO	\$566/MO	\$661/MO	\$755/MO
5	\$293/MO	\$468/MO	\$663/MO	\$773/MO	\$884/MO

If the second-lowest-priced silver plan (called “the benchmark plan”) costs more than the amount shown, the remaining premium is your APTC and is paid by the federal government. You can apply your APTC to the benchmark plan or to any Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Platinum plans, in which case your actual premium cost may be higher or lower.

D MNSURE PLANS WITHOUT PREMIUM ASSISTANCE

You have many insurance plans to choose from on MNsure, but you really need to use MNsure to figure out your premium and plan options. You can go online now to see the current 2014 plans and prices or, if you are looking to enroll for 2015, you need to meet with a navigator or wait until the new plans are available through MNsure.org on November 15, 2014. We can also help give you some idea of your options or connect you to a navigator now. See our contact information below.

Step 3. Apply online or get in-person assistance

The numbers above are based on income alone. To find out for sure, see your plan options, and get covered, you need to apply through MNsure.org. Sound complicated? Let us answer your questions and help connect you with a navigator. Navigators are people in your community who have been trained to provide free, impartial MNsure enrollment assistance no matter what program or private insurance you qualify for.

Step 4. Get involved!

These programs and laws didn't just happen – they are the result of people like you working to make health care accessible to all. Is health care reform helping you or those you love, or is quality, affordable health care still out of reach? Your experience matters, and you can help protect what we've won and make more possible.

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