



www.bhca.org

Kaiser Permanente Bridge Health Plan

What is the Bridge Program?

The Bridge program is a dues subsidized health plan from Kaiser Permanente for low income uninsured individuals who have no access to affordable health care coverage and are not eligible for any public or private health insurance coverage. Bridge was designed to assist people who are facing short-term problems, therefore membership at subsidized rates is limited to a once in a lifetime, two year maximum period. As the Bridge community partner, Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc. (BHCA) processes eligibility for the program.

What are the eligibility requirements?

To be eligible for Bridge you must **not** be eligible for Medicaid or Medicare, or affordable private health insurance through your employer. You must also be a Baltimore resident, be working, and meet income requirements and an asset test. Please see the chart below for income information.

Family Size	Annual Household Income
1	\$26,000
2	\$35,000
3	\$44,000 <i>Add 9,000 for each additional household member</i>

What are the benefits with Bridge?

Benefit	Copayment/Discount	Benefit	Copayment/Discount
Office visit		Inpatient hospitalization	\$0 per admission
Primary care	\$0 copayment	(includes medical, maternity, mental health and chemical dependency stays)	
Specialty care	\$0 copayment	Lab and Radiology	\$0 copayment
Dental services	Discounted	Maternity care	\$0 copayment
Emergency services	\$50 copayment	Outpatient surgery	\$50 copayment
(waived if admitted to the hospital)		Prescription drugs	\$0 Deductible
Vision care		Generic or Brand	\$10 copayment
Eye exams	\$0 copayment	Maximum	\$1,500
Frames and lenses	25% discount		
Contact lenses	15% discount		

How do I get an application?

Call Baltimore HealthCare Access today at 410-649-0521 extension 3090. We will be happy to send you an application and answer your questions about Bridge.

What documents should be submitted with the application?

Bridge requires documents that prove your income, Baltimore residency, and photo identification. Some documents that may be required are a recent tax return, three most recent pay stubs, BG&E bill, and recent checking or savings account information. We will work with you to help you get the documents you need.

What is the monthly premium and are there copays for service?

The monthly premium is based on your annual income and the number of family members enrolled. For an individual whose annual income is less than \$18,200 the monthly premium would be \$19.35. For an individual whose annual income is over \$18,200 and under \$26,000 the monthly premium would be \$38.70. There are some copays depending on the service received. Please see the listing on the front of this flyer.

What if I don't pay my premium?

Bridge enrollees who do not pay their premium will be dropped from the program. You may reenroll in Bridge, after you bring payments current, only once.

What doctors can I see if I am determined eligible for Bridge?

Bridge enrollees must use Kaiser Permanente doctors and facilities. Below is a listing of medical centers in Baltimore and surrounding counties.

City Plaza

10 Hopkins Plaza, Suite 300
Baltimore, Maryland 21201
(443) 263-7300

Woodlawn

7141 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244
(443) 663-6000

Severna Park

8028 Ritchie Highway
Pasadena, Maryland 21122
(410) 553-2400

Towson

1447 York Road, Suite 100
Lutherville, Maryland 21093
(410) 339-5500

White Marsh

4920 Campbell Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21236
(410) 933-7600

Columbia Gateway

7070 Samuel Morse Drive
Columbia, Maryland 21046
(410) 309-4600

What hospitals do Kaiser Permanente physicians admit to?

Greater Baltimore Medical Center
6701 North Charles Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21204

St. Agnes Hospital
900 Caton Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21229

I need to see a specialist. How do I find one who is in network?

Your primary care physician will coordinate your care. He/she will refer you to a specialist when necessary. To find out who the specialists are you can call Kaiser Permanente at (301) 468-6000. The Bridge Plan is similar Kaiser Permanente's plan for Individuals and Families. You can also visit their website at <http://www.geoaccess.com/Kaiser/po/KaiserIntro.asp>.

What happens after two years when I am no longer eligible for Bridge?

After the two years, Bridge members are automatically enrolled in a Kaiser Permanente Conversion Plan. You can continue with the program at the full premium or you can opt out.

More Questions? Call us today at 410-649-0521 ext. 3090.

