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Healthy Kids, passed by the 2009 Legislature, expanded coverage to all uninsured, Oregon children and teens. Since Healthy Kids expansion in July 2009, Healthy Kids has enrolled thousands more children and continues to enroll children across the state. The goal is ensure that at least 95 percent of Oregon children have access to health coverage their families can afford.

Expanding health coverage for children and teens is an important step to lowering the price of health care for everyone. Children and teens without health coverage are far more likely to go without regular, preventative care and end up getting expensive treatment in an emergency room instead. Providing health coverage to children and teens is inexpensive compared to the cost of letting them remain uninsured, and creates economic benefit over a lifetime. The Housing Authority of Yamhill County has signed on as an application assistance organization and we have several staff in different areas of the county ready to assist you in filling out the Healthy Kids application.

What is Healthy Kids?

Healthy Kids offers no-cost, low-cost and full-cost health coverage for Oregon kids and teens

that don't have health insurance. Even kids with current health conditions can enroll. Coverage lasts one full year and can be renewed annually so long as the child is still eligible.

Who qualifies?

Eligibility is based on age, residency and income.

- Kids and teens up to age 19 qualify
- Child must live in Oregon and be a legal resident
- Family income will determine whether the child qualifies for the no-cost, low-cost or full –cost option. No family makes too much for Healthy Kids. Even middle-income families may qualify for coverage. For example, a family of four can earn as much as \$67,200 per year and may qualify for the low-cost option.

What does it cover?

Healthy Kids covers all the health care kids need including:

- Medical, dental and vision care
- Regular checkups and preventive care
- Prescription medicines and medical equipment
- Mental health and chemical dependency services

How can I apply?

Here are the ways you can apply:

- **Application help.** Please don't hesitate to ask for help. Call the Housing Authority main office at 503-883-4300. The Housing Authority staff was trained by the Office of Healthy Kids to assist and submit a complete application on your behalf. The Housing Authority has staff located throughout Yamhill County to assist you.
- **Online application.** The online application is available at

www.oregonhealthykids.gov Once you have completed the application, you will need to fax or mail proof of income and other supporting documents. Please note that the documentation cannot be attached electronically.

- **Paper application.** Please call 1.877.314.5678 for general Healthy Kids questions. To ask for an application to be mailed to you, call 1.800.359.9517. Applications also are available for pick up at the Housing Authority Office located at 135 NE Dunn Place, McMinnville, OR 97128.