



MinnesotaCare

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Fast facts

- ▲ Hennepin County had about 22,000 people enrolled in MinnesotaCare in 2007.
- ▲ About 15,100 of Hennepin's enrollees in MinnesotaCare are families with children.
- ▲ About 6,900 of Hennepin's enrollees in MinnesotaCare are single adults.

What is MinnesotaCare?

MinnesotaCare is the state's health insurance program for people who don't have access to affordable health care. Most of the program's enrollees are working. However, they earn too much to qualify for Medical Assistance but not enough to pay for private insurance -- and private insurance is not available through their employer. In 2007, Hennepin had approximately 22,000 residents enrolled in MinnesotaCare.

Most of the enrollees pay premiums for MinnesotaCare on a sliding fee scale and have co-pays or deductibles for services such as prescriptions, inpatient care and eyeglasses. In 2007, client premiums averaged \$23 per enrollee. Some children can be covered for \$4 a month.

How many are helped?

Hennepin had 22,000 persons enrolled in MinnesotaCare in 2007. At the same time, the state had nearly 145,000 people enrolled in the program. Almost half of all enrollees are children under age 21.

Who uses MinnesotaCare?

MinnesotaCare serves families, children and adults without children.

Program eligibility is determined by income and other factors. The adult or family must:

- Not have health insurance coverage in the preceeding four months (sometimes waived for children)
- Have residency of at least 180 days for adults
- Not have insurance available through an employer who will pay at least 50 percent of the monthly cost, or who has paid at least 50 percent within the last 18 months
- Meet income limits
 1. For a single adult - \$20,808 a year.
 2. For a family of two that includes a child under age 21 - \$38,508.
- Meet asset limits
 1. There is no asset limit for children under 21 and pregnant women.
 2. Single adults have an asset limit of \$10,000.
 3. A family of two or more has an asset limit of \$20,000.
 4. A self-employed person cannot have more than \$200,000 in net capital; operating assets are excluded.