

Premium & Cost-Sharing Subsidies for 2015

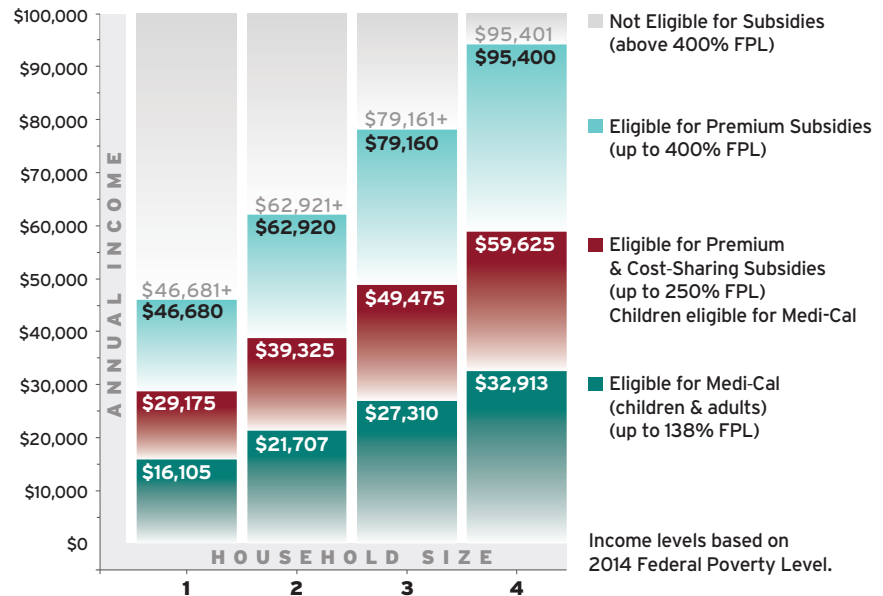


Get Covered



While the Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires most Americans to obtain health coverage or pay a tax penalty, it also offers generous subsidies to help lower costs for those with low to moderate incomes. In 2014, 90 percent of Covered California's 1.1 million enrollees took advantage of these subsidies. The ACA also expanded eligibility for free health coverage through Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program). Subsidy amounts and Medi-Cal eligibility are based on annual household income and family size. Below is updated information for 2015. Consumers can also check out CAHP's fact sheet on how to renew or enroll for 2015 [here](#).

ELIGIBILITY FOR MEDI-CAL AND GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES BY INCOME & FAMILY SIZE



Shop Around




[Covered CA.com](#)'s calculator helps consumers determine their eligibility for Medi-Cal or subsidies. Subsidies are only available through Covered California.

If You Qualify for Medi-Cal...

The ACA expanded the income eligibility for Medi-Cal up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for adults and up to 250% FPL for children (see chart). Currently, 11.3 million (or about one in three) Californians are enrolled in Medi-Cal.

SAVE BY BUYING COVERAGE

In 2015, the tax penalty for not having health coverage is the greater of:

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  OR
 

\$325 per adult **\$162.50** per child **2%** of household income

For a 27-year-old in Sacramento earning \$20,000 a year:

Tax Penalty & no health coverage
\$325

VS.

Premium for bronze plan
~\$7/month (\$84/year)

*For more information about caps on the maximum penalty charged, visit the Tax Policy Center's ACA Tax Penalty [calculator](#).



Options For Young Adults

Younger Californians have even more options to help lower the cost of their health coverage:

- ▶ Can stay on parents' insurance to age 26
- ▶ Eligible to buy cheaper, "catastrophic" coverage through age 30
- ▶ May qualify for Medi-Cal
- ▶ May qualify for bronze plan premiums for as little as \$1/month
- ▶ May qualify for both premium and cost-sharing subsidies on a silver plan

For more information, please go to www.calhealthplans.org

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TWO TYPES OF SUBSIDIES

PREMIUM VS. COST-SHARING SUBSIDIES

Lower consumers' monthly premiums; cap premiums as a percentage of income

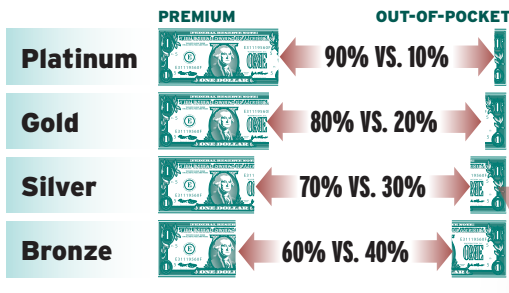
- ▶ Annual household income up to 400% FPL: **\$46,680** (individual) **\$95,400** (family of four)
- ▶ Must purchase coverage through Covered California
- ▶ Subsidy amount based on second-lowest-cost silver plan - can apply subsidy to any metal tier
- ▶ Subsidy credit automatically applied to premium, consumer only pays the remainder / Changes in income (raise, bonus, job loss) may result in amount due or amount owed on tax returns

Lower consumers' co-pays, coinsurance and deductibles; cap annual out-of-pocket maximums based on income

- ▶ Annual household income up to 250% FPL: **\$29,175** (individual) **\$59,625** (family of four)
- ▶ Must purchase coverage through Covered California
- ▶ Must select silver plan
- ▶ Subsidy lowers consumer costs at point of service (doctor's office, hospital/lab fees); annual out-of-pocket maximums also capped

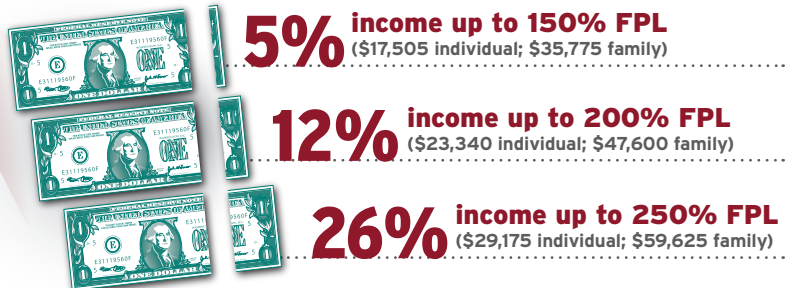
All of the plans offered through Covered California have standardized benefits and cover a uniform set of comprehensive services. The only difference between the four tiers of coverage is the share of average health care costs paid for by the plan in relation to the share paid for by consumers. Bronze and silver plans have lower premiums but higher out-of-pocket costs while gold and platinum plans have higher premiums but lower copays and deductibles.

AVERAGE HEALTH CARE COSTS BY PLAN



Cost-sharing subsidies raise the value of Silver Plans to a Gold or Platinum level

Cost-sharing subsidies raise the value of a silver plan by lowering consumers' out-of-pocket costs. In California, instead of paying 30% of average costs on a silver plan, consumers receiving cost-sharing subsidies will only pay:



FREE Consumers at all income levels will have access to a wide range of preventive services with no copays or deductibles.

PREMIUMS & OUT-OF-POCKET COSTS FOR SUBSIDIZED SILVER PLANS (Single Coverage)

ANNUAL INCOME	\$16,106 - \$17,505	\$17,506 - \$23,340	\$23,341 - \$29,175	\$29,176+
Deductible	None	\$500	\$1,500* Medical	\$2,000* Medical
Primary Care Visit Copay	\$3	\$15	\$40	\$45
Generic Medication Copay	\$3	\$5	\$15	\$15
Emergency Room Copay	\$25	\$75*	\$250*	\$250*
Maximum Out-of-Pocket (Individual)	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$5,200	\$6,350
Maximum Out-of-Pocket (Family)	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$10,400	\$12,700

Copays are not subject to any deductible and count toward the annual out-of-pocket maximum. *Indicates benefits that are subject to deductibles.

Source: Covered California

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