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Subject: Mail-In KCHIP Applications Now Available

From: Passport Health Plan
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To: All Passport Health Plan providers

Provider Type Affected:

All Passport Health Plan providers

Background:

The Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) provides health coverage at little or no cost to uninsured children who qualify. Governor Steve Beshear recently unveiled a plan to ease the application process. **Effective November 1, 2008, families may apply for KCHIP by mailing or faxing an application.**

Note: Children deemed eligible for KCHIP who live in the Passport Health Plan area will become members of Passport Health Plan, with the same comprehensive benefits. Some families will be required to pay a monthly plan premium to the State. Once approved to join KCHIP, a member's effective date will be the original date listed on the submitted application.

Provider Action Needed:

Please encourage families to mail or fax an application for KCHIP to the following:

Mail: KCHIP Fax: (859) 246-2890
P.O. Box 34090
Lexington, KY 40588-4090

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for KCHIP, children must be uninsured for at least six months, under the age of 19, and live in families with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The following chart demonstrates the KCHIP Income Limits for 2008:

<u>Number of Family Members</u> (includes parents and children)*	<u>Total Monthly Gross Income</u> (before taxes)	<u>Total Yearly Gross Income</u> (before taxes)
1	\$1,734	\$20,800.00
2	\$2,334	\$28,000.00
3	\$2,934	\$35,200.00
4	\$3,534	\$42,200.00
5	\$4,134	\$49,600.00
6	\$4,734	\$56,800.00
7	\$5,334	\$64,000.00
8	\$5,934	\$71,200.00

Note: These income limits change in the spring of each year. This table shows the current 200% FPL guidelines.

*A family is defined as a child or children and the natural or adoptive parents residing together in a household. For family units of more than 8 members, add \$3,600 annually for each additional member.

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Potentially-Eligible Families

The following are some examples of families who might qualify for KCHIP:

- Children who receive free or reduced lunch
- Children who receive community coordinated child care
- Parent/guardian(s) who recently lost or quit a job (and cannot afford COBRA)
- Parent/guardian(s) whose employer does not offer health insurance
- Families who cannot afford employer's health insurance
- Family moving from another state
- Parent/guardian(s) are self-employed
- Family members receive other government assistance (i.e. WIC, food stamps, or commodities)
- Family is homeless or living in a shelter

KCHIP Resources:

For more details about KCHIP and to download the new application, please visit Passport Health Plan's KCHIP web page: www.passporthealthplan.com/membercenter/english/membership_info/kchip/.

Questions:

If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your Provider Relations representative or the Provider Relations department at (502) 585-7943.

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