Enrolling Your Newborn

There’s a deadline for insurance coverage.

It might surprise you that setting up your baby’s health insurance should be one of the first things on your to-do list. Why the rush? Insurance companies have a time limit to sign up. If you miss the deadline, your baby might not get insurance. Even if you have health insurance, that doesn’t mean your new baby automatically gets insured too. Some policies cover a newborn for the first 30 days after birth. But not all do. To be safe, set up insurance the first week after your baby is born.

Here’s how to make sure your newborn gets health coverage:

• Decide how your child’s name will be spelled on legal documents. It’s OK to set up your child’s insurance before their social security and birth certificate and be sure the spelling you give the insurance policy matches your child’s name on these documents.

• If you are covered under your parent’s policy, the baby will likely NOT be covered under this policy and other coverage should be sought. Please contact Family Financial Services. Visit Nemours.org/FinancialAssistance.

• Contact your health insurance provider. To add your child to the policy through your job, contact both your human resources department and your insurance company.

• Contact Medicaid.
  PA Dept of Human Services
  Philadelphia County, 215.560.7226
  Outside Philadelphia, 877.395.8930

  New Jersey Family Care
  800.701.0710

  DE Change Report Center
  302.571.4900

  Maryland Health Connections
  855.642.8572

For more information, visit Nemours.org/FinancialAssistance.

Nemours Children’s Health is here to care for your child every step of the way.

Newborn Team
Contact our Newborn Team to assist in adding your baby to Medicaid or to update us with your commercial insurance.
Call: 302.651.5511
Monday–Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Email: newbornenrollment@nemours.org

Family Financial Services
If you don’t have insurance, contact Family Financial Services for coverage and financial options.
Call: 302.651.5747
Monday–Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Global Health Services
If you are an international patient, contact Global Health Services via email or phone.
Call: 302.651.4993
Monday–Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Email: IMinfo@nemours.org