# GEORGIA PATHWAYS TO COVERAGE<sup>™</sup> HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM PAYMENT (HIPP) PROGRAM



### WHAT IS PATHWAYS HIPP?

The Georgia Pathways to Coverage<sup>™</sup> Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) program launched in January 2024. This new Pathways program can help members who enroll in private health insurance through their employer, or employer-sponsored insurance (ESI), pay their healthcare premiums, deductibles, and co-payments.

Pathways HIPP aims to encourage participation in employer-sponsored health insurance coverage and support members on their journey to financial independence.

#### WHO PARTICIPATES IN PATHWAYS HIPP?

New Pathways applicants will be automatically evaluated for the Pathways HIPP program if they meet Pathways eligibility requirements and have health insurance available through their employer or their family member's employer. If approved, individuals evaluated for Pathways HIPP will be required to participate in the program. The member will enroll in the health insurance plan available through their employer or their family member's employer and Medicaid will make payments directly to the member to cover the premium amount.

#### HOW TO ESTABLISH COVERAGE ONCE YOU'RE ENROLLED IN PATHWAYS HIPP

Once you have been approved for Pathways HIPP, you will receive your Pathways HIPP Welcome Packet, which outlines several actions you need to take to establish coverage. You will not be officially enrolled in Pathways HIPP until you are enrolled in the health insurance plan available through your employer or your family member's employer.



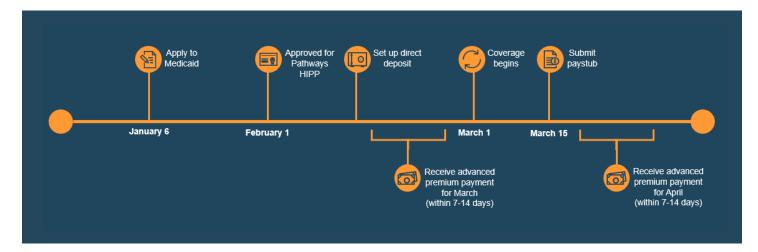
## FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PATHWAYS:

Visit <u>dch.ga.gov/georgiapathways</u>, call the Customer Contact Center at **1-877-423-4746** or **711** for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking, or apply at <u>gateway.ga.gov</u>. For more information about the Pathways HIPP program, contact Gainwell Technologies/ <u>Georgia Pathw</u>ays HIPP Unit at (678) 564-1162, Option 4.



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The sample timeline below includes Pathways HIPP enrollment milestones to begin your coverage.

For more information on who is responsible for submitting paystubs, how to do so, and when they are due, click here or reference your Pathways HIPP Welcome Packet. For additional guidance, please contact Gainwell Technologies/ Georgia Pathways HIPP Unit at **(678) 564-1162**, **Option 4**.



#### MAINTAINING PATHWAYS HIPP COVERAGE

To remain eligible for Pathways HIPP, all members of your family enrolled in Pathways HIPP must continue to meet the Pathways eligibility requirements. If you are the ESI policy holder, your qualifying activity hours will be verified when you submit your paystubs monthly.

If you are enrolled in Pathways HIPP through your family member's ESI, you must report one or more qualifying activities for a total of 80 hours each month. For detailed instructions on how to report qualifying activities, visit <u>dch.georgia.gov/</u> <u>georgiapathways/pathways-reporting</u>.

For information on what happens if you voluntarily disenroll from ESI, do not provide your paystubs, or experience an involuntary loss of ESI coverage, click here.

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