

Accessing Health Care After Job Corps Checklist

While attending Job Corps, you have received free health care. After you leave Job Corps it is very important that you find health insurance for yourself.

If you do not have health insurance and you have a job, you may have to pay a fine. Follow the steps below to make sure you are covered. Continue with this form until you can check a box. As soon as you check a box, you are finished with this checklist.

Section 1: Complete this section if you already have health insurance through your parents, Medicaid, or another source. If you do not have health insurance, skip to Section 2.

Determine when your health insurance will expire. (Depending on your state you may become too old for Medicaid. If you are covered by your parent's health insurance, you are allowed to stay on their insurance until you are 26 years old, as long as they agree to it and pay the premiums.)

- If you will be covered for at least another 6 months under your current health insurance, you are finished with this form. Keep it with you as a resource for the future.

☞ If your health insurance will expire soon, go to Section 2.

Section 2: Complete this section if you already have a job lined up. If you do not have a job lined up, skip to Section 3.

Ask your employer if you are eligible for health insurance.

- If your employer offers health insurance and you are eligible, sign up for health insurance. It may seem like a lot of money, but it is much more expensive to get sick or injured without insurance.

☞ If you are not eligible for health insurance through your employer, go to Section 3.

Section 3: Complete this section if you do not have a job lined up or if you are not eligible for health insurance through your job.

Follow these options in order:

- Ask your parents if they have health insurance through work. If they will add you to their policy you may stay on their policy until you are 26 years old, even if you have a full time job or get married. If they are willing, have them add you to their insurance plan.
- Visit the Health Insurance Marketplace at <https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace/individual>. On this website you can see if you are eligible for Medicaid or discounted health insurance. Apply for the program(s) for which you qualify.

Remember, as you search for a job, pay special attention to health insurance. It is a valuable benefit!