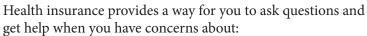# Why *Health Insurance* is **Important for Your Child!**

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Health insurance protects your money:
- If your child is sick, health insurance helps pay for the care your child needs.
- You can use your money for things like food and housing, and your child can still have health care.
- Preventive care for your child is available at no cost to you.

Health insurance provides a way for you to ask questions and get help when you have concerns about:
- Your child's development and behavior.
- Your child's performance in school.
- Your child's ability to see or read.
- Your child's teeth.

It is easy to apply:
- You can apply for Medicaid by telephone, by filling out the paper form, or on-line at www.dhhs.ne.gov/ACCESSNebraska . Get language help at 1-800-632-7633.
- Use www.healthcare.gov to see more health insurance options. Get language help at 1-800-318-2596.

If your child has health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, or behavior problems, they won't be refused health insurance.

Many minority children and low-income children have certain health problems more often than other children. They may be more likely to be sicker and miss more school compared to other children. By having and using health insurance, you can prevent your child from being sick, missing school, and falling behind.

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