



# KIDCARE KONNECTION

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## PARDON OUR DUST...

**Thanks for your patience as we freshen up the area!**

We want to thank our valued Florida KidCare families for bearing with us this last

month during our technology upgrade. We're aware that this 'under construction' phase may have caused some inconveniences on your end. The overwhelming response we received from our families was one of patience, understanding and cooperation. You should now be able to view online account information and payments with no trouble at all. However, we want to remind you that we hear you and we're glad you're here—so please don't hesitate to contact Florida KidCare at 1-800-821-5437 for any questions you may have about your account.



## KIDS OUGHTA BE COVERED!



## HIT US WITH YOUR BEST SHOT



**Flu shot, that is!**

With flu season quickly approaching, we want to remind you to get your children vaccinated. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), anyone at least six months of age should receive the vaccine in order to expand flu protection. Seasonal flu outbreaks can begin as early as October and peak in January or later. The flu shot gives your child a whole year of protection against the influenza virus. It is important to act now because the vaccination takes two weeks to become effective. Your child can receive the flu vaccine through either a needle or nasal spray with little to no side effects. To locate a flu vaccine distribution center near you, use this Vaccine Locator: <http://vaccine.healthmap.org/>. Worried about the cost of a flu shot? Don't forget that Florida KidCare covers immunizations! We know that you want your kids to enjoy their holiday break—flu free. With Florida KidCare, your kids can stay healthy and happy through the holidays—the best gift of all!



## FULL-PAY HEALTHY KIDS FAMILY?

**Heads Up! Changes are coming that we want you to know about.**

Are you currently a full-pay Florida Healthy Kids family? We value quality here at Florida Healthy Kids, so we aim to uphold the highest standards for our families. Due to the rising costs of health care, Florida Healthy Kids will be slightly increasing the cost of its full-pay premiums.

Starting November 1, 2013 for December 2013's coverage, the rates will be as follows:

**Full pay with dental:  
\$148 (up \$7 from \$141)**

**Full pay without dental:  
\$135 (up \$7 from \$128)**



## STEP UP FOR STUDENTS

**K-12 scholarships for low-income Florida schoolchildren and children in foster care or who are homeless.**

Many families still don't know this option exists, but Florida has the nation's largest tax credit scholarship program, giving low-income families the ability to choose the school that best meets their children's needs. Step Up For Students is a nonprofit organization that administers the Florida Tax Credit Scholarship for low-income students in grades K-12. The scholarship program was created by the Florida Legislature in 2001 and is funded by corporations that receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for their contributions. Since 2002, more than 330,000 scholarships have been awarded to low-income Florida students

in grades K-12, including approximately 60,000 that are expected to be used for the 2013-14 school year.

Families have two scholarship options to choose from:

- A scholarship to help cover private school tuition and fees, worth up to \$4,880 for the 2013-14 school year.
- A scholarship to assist with transportation costs to attend a public school in another county, worth up to \$500.

We are now preparing for the 2014-15 school year. Please note that the scholarship has special guidelines for children who are in foster care or who are homeless. For additional information about applying for the 2014-15 school year please visit [www.StepUpForStudents.org](http://www.StepUpForStudents.org).

## RENEWAL TIME? WE'VE GOTCHA COVERED WITH ONE LESS STEP!






Renew your satisfaction with Florida KidCare through this simple process.

We've made Florida KidCare renewal even easier! When your renewal period is approaching, you should receive a letter confirming your monthly premium, and only if you feel the premium amount is incorrect should you then submit any documents. Just remember to continue to pay your monthly premiums on the 1st of the month to ensure the next month's coverage!

How much is Florida KidCare health coverage saving you? Check out just how valuable peace of mind can be!

## THE VALUE OF HEALTH INSURANCE

Many families pay only **\$15 or \$20 a month** for Florida KidCare coverage, but most pay nothing at all. Full-pay options are also available for those who don't qualify for subsidized coverage.

		With FKC Insurance*	Without Insurance**
Antibiotic Prescription <small>Doxycycline hyclate er 30-day supply</small>		\$5	\$410
Arm Cast		\$5	\$163
Ambulance Ride		\$10	\$2,000
Removal of Tonsils or Appendix <small>2 days in hospital</small>		\$5	\$1,087
Chest X-Ray		Free	\$44

\*MediKids, Medicaid and CMS do not charge copays \*\*Source: Healthcare Blue Book

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