







Guide to Free and Low-cost Car Seats in Hennepin County

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|  <p>Medica Choice CareSM Medica MinnesotaCare</p> | <p>Medica Choice Care and Medica MinnesotaCare members (ID numbers beginning with 59) who are at least 6 months pregnant or children 2 years and younger.</p> | <p>In most areas, Medica has contracted with local public health agencies and/or clinic staff who issue car seats to members. They will also provide education on how to properly use the car seat. We will mail a car seat to members who live in areas where we do not have a contracted car seat agency.</p> | <p>Medica Car Seat Request Line 1-866-455-7426 (toll-free). Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week</p> |
|  | <p>MHP members who are at least six months pregnant or have children who weigh less than 40 pounds will receive a convertible seat. Booster seats are available for children who weigh 40 – 80 pounds.</p> | <p>Eligible parents will be referred to a child passenger safety class, where parents/guardians will receive instruction and education on proper use of the convertible car seat or booster seat. At the end of the class, parents will be issued the seat</p> | <p>MHP, 1-800-647-0550</p> |
|  | <p>UCare Minnesota members who are pregnant or who are children up to 8 years of age.</p> | <p>Eligible members (or their parents/guardians, if the members are children), will be referred to a child passenger safety class, where they will receive instruction and education on proper use of the convertible car seat or booster seat. At the end of the class, parents/guardians will be issued a car seat. There is a limit of one car seat per member per lifetime.</p> | <p>Call UCare Customer Service at 612-676-3200 or 1-800-203-7225</p> |
|  | <p>Hispanic and Latino families living in the metro area.</p> | <p>This program distributes free convertible car seats to eligible UCare, MHP, and Medica members, and helps other Latino families' access seats. Instruction and materials are available only for Spanish-speaking families.</p> | <p>Amy Kegan at 612-874-1412.</p> |


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|  | <p>Available to the public during scheduled car-seat inspections or by individual appointment.</p> | <p>Convertible car seats and booster seats are available for purchase. With the purchase of any seat, parents receive education about its installation and proper use.</p> | <p>Services are available by appointment only. Contact the Safe Kids Northwest Metro Minneapolis Coalition, North Memorial Medical Center at 763-520-4287.</p> |
|  | <p>Refer to eligibility requirements for UCare and MHP on page 1</p> <p>A limited number of seats are also available for families not covered by these health plans</p> | <p>This program distributes free convertible car seats and booster seats to eligible UCare and MHP members.</p> <p>Families must register for a class held at HCMC. Classes are offered English or Spanish</p> | <p>Call 612-873-BABY(2229) to register for a class</p> |

Helpful Resources

Web Sites, car seat clinics, and free CPS Materials

- www.buckleupkids.state.mn.us Information about car seats, car seat recalls, brochure order forms, and a schedule of car seat check-up events. A variety of child passenger safety brochures are available in English, Spanish, and Somali, view and download educational materials on-line or order free materials from their online Resource Catalog.
- www.nhtsa.dot.gov/people/injury/childps/index.cfm Helpful guidelines about proper car seat use, types of car seats, car seat training and more.
- American Academy of Pediatrics 2011 guidelines for child passenger safety <http://www.aap.org/healthtopics/carseatsafety.cfm>

This program is available in all Minnesota Counties- EXCEPT Hennepin County

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|  | <p>MinnesotaCare Program or Medical Assistance BluePlus Program members who are at least six months pregnant or have children who are 24 months old or younger.</p> | <p>MinnesotaCare Program or Medical Assistance BluePlus Program members who are at least six months pregnant or have children who are 24 months old or younger.</p> | <p>Call the Healthy Start Program at 866-489-6948; ask for the car seat program</p> |
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