

Georgia Bridge Program

Application for subsidy – 2024

Use this form to apply for a subsidy to pay your monthly premiums and most out-of-pocket costs under the Kaiser Permanente KP GA Gold 500 Ded/500 Rx Ded / KP GA Signature Gold 500 Ded/500 Rx Ded. There is no cost to apply.

Enrollment in Kaiser Permanente's Georgia Bridge Program is available during the Individuals and Families annual open enrollment and special enrollment periods. The special enrollment period generally lasts 60 days from the date of your qualifying life event. Some qualifying life events allow more than 60 days from the date of your qualifying life event. Visit kp.org/chcspecialenrollment for more information. To apply, follow these steps:

Step 1: Fill out the Application for subsidy form

- Type or print using black or blue ink.
- Answer all questions completely.
- Sign the form.
- Make a copy of the completed form for your records.

Step 2: Fill out the separate Kaiser Permanente Application for health coverage.

Step 3: Include proof of income

Attach copies of the most current proof of your household's gross income:

- If employer paid – include your last 2 paycheck stubs, W-2, or pay statements.
- If self-employed – include Schedule C and page 1 (the adjusted gross income page) of last year's federal income tax return or a profit and loss form.
- If paid in cash – include a signed letter of income from your employer.
- 1040 tax form from previous year – if you submit your 1040 tax form, no other proof of income is required.
- See Section 4 for more examples of proof of income.

If your household has income deductions, provide proof such as:

- Student loan interest – include your last student loan statement.
- Self-employed – Schedule C and page 1 (the adjusted gross income page) of last year's federal income tax return or a profit and loss form.

Eligibility rules:

Eligibility for the Kaiser Permanente Georgia Bridge Program will be considered for individuals who are uninsured and:

- The primary applicant needs to be actively enrolled with a participating community partner.
- Live in Kaiser Permanente's metro Atlanta 20-county service area.*
- Live in a household with an income less than 100% of the federal poverty level.
- Not be eligible for other public or private health coverage such as, but not limited to, Medicaid, Peach Care for Kids®, Medicare, a job-based health plan, or financial help through the health benefit exchange.
- All child dependents must be younger than 26.

*Bartow, Butts, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Lamar, Newton, Paulding, Pike, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties

You do NOT have to be a U.S. citizen to be eligible for Kaiser Permanente's Georgia Bridge Program.

Step 4: Include additional documents

- GA: Community partner verification form. Contact a participating community partner for assistance.
- Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids® and/or health benefit exchange denial letters if applicable.
- Provide proof of guardianship if applicable.
- Other information or documentation that may help us evaluate your eligibility.

Step 5: Send your forms, proof of income, and all other required documents

Send your completed and signed **Application for subsidy**, Application for health coverage, proof of current income, income deductions, and other required documents through one of the following options:

- By email:
CHC-Applications@kp.org
(Include “application” in the subject line)
- By mail:
Kaiser Permanente
Attn: CHC
P.O. Box 23127
San Diego, CA 92193-3127
- By fax:
1-855-355-5334

We’re here to help:

If you have questions about the Georgia Bridge Program or about this form, please call us at:

1-888-865-5813 (TTY 711)

Monday through Friday,
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time
(closed major holidays).

Please note: Continued eligibility for the Georgia Bridge Program is not guaranteed. We reserve the right to close enrollment or change the eligibility rules at any time. If you are approved for the subsidy, the subsidy period is limited and we will contact you in the future to confirm that you still qualify.

Kaiser Permanente will keep your information private, as required by law, and use your personal information only to see if you qualify for Kaiser Permanente’s subsidy.

If you apply for a Kaiser Permanente subsidy through a community organization, that organization may use your information to determine your eligibility for another health care or social service program, or for other purpose required by law.

Frequently asked questions

1. How long does it take to find out if I am approved or denied for Kaiser Permanente's Georgia Bridge Program?

Completed forms that include all required documentation can take up to 6 weeks to process. If information is missing, it may take longer and you may miss the deadline for applying. Completion of this form does not guarantee enrollment in Kaiser Permanente's Georgia Bridge Program.

2. How much will I pay each month for the Kaiser Permanente Georgia Bridge Program?

No monthly payment is required. Kaiser Permanente will subsidize the full monthly premium.

3. What happens when I no longer meet the eligibility requirements?

When you no longer meet our eligibility requirements, you will be disenrolled from Kaiser Permanente's Georgia Bridge Program. You will remain enrolled in the KP GA Gold 500 Ded/500 Rx / Ded KP GA Signature Gold 500 Ded/500 Rx Ded, but you'll have to pay your full monthly premiums and out-of-pocket costs, unless you ask us to end your membership or until you fail to pay the full premium.

4. I can't afford to pay for coverage through health benefit exchange. Can I still qualify for the Georgia Bridge Program?

Not being able to pay health benefit exchange premiums does not qualify you for the Georgia Bridge Program. You must meet the Georgia Bridge Program income and other criteria to qualify.

5. What other health coverage programs are available?

Consider Medicaid or PeachCare for Kids®. This option may be available to applicants born in the United States or who are lawful permanent residents, and who meet additional eligibility requirements such as:

- Adults 19 - 64 with household income up to 100% FPL (\$14,580 for an individual or \$30,000 for a family of 4 in 2023 and doing a qualified activity (part/full-time employment, on-the-job training, job readiness assistance program, community service, vocational educational training, enrollment in the Vocational Rehabilitation program of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA), higher education) for 80 hours/month.
- Children younger than 19 with household income at or below 252% of the federal poverty level (\$36,742 for an individual or \$75,600 for a family of 4 in 2023). Kaiser Permanente is a Pediatric Medicaid provider and may be available to you. Please visit kp.org/medicaid/ga for more information.
- Seniors, people with disabilities, and pregnant women with limited household income may also qualify. Please visit medicaid.georgia.gov for more information.

Buy health coverage through the health benefit exchange. If you qualify, you may get help paying for your plan premiums or out-of-pocket costs. Remember to enroll during the health benefit exchange open enrollment period. If you wait until after the open enrollment period ends, you'll need a qualifying life event to enroll in a new plan. For more information visit: buykp.org.

Call us at **1-800-488-3590 (TTY 711)** or visit buykp.org to learn about other Kaiser Permanente for Individuals and Families plan choices.

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Frequently asked questions *(continued)*

Consider Medicare, a federal program available to people ages 65 or older. There are different periods in which you may be eligible to enroll in a Medicare health plan. Visit kp.org/medicare for more information. If you have limited household income, you may qualify for Medicaid. Please visit kp.org/medicaid/ga to learn more.

6. Is the Georgia Bridge Program a public benefit that could impact my ability to become a lawful permanent resident or U.S. citizen in the future?

No, the Georgia Bridge Program is not a public benefit. It is a Kaiser Permanente sponsored program to help pay for health coverage for low-income families and individuals that don't have access to public/private health coverage.

7. What if I'm not accepted into the Georgia Bridge Program?

If you're not accepted, there may be other health coverage programs available to you. See question 5 for more information.

SECTION 1: Applicant information (Required)

Primary applicant

The person who will be covered by the health plan and applying for the Georgia Bridge Program subsidy. If applying for a child under 18, the parent or legal guardian should provide the child's information below. The parent or legal guardian information should be filled out in Section 2.

First name*	MI	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Last name*	Date of birth* (mm/dd/yyyy)	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>	
Medical record number (if available)	Gender*	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared	
Home phone	Mobile phone	
<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/> - <input type="text"/>	
Home address* (Include Apt. Number. No P. O. boxes, please)		
<input type="text"/>		
City*	State*	ZIP code*
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Mailing address (If different than home address. Include apt. number.)		
<input type="text"/>		
City	State	ZIP code
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Email		
<input type="text"/>		

Please answer **ALL** applicable questions below about the primary applicant. This information is only used to find out if the primary applicant is eligible for the Georgia Bridge Program or other programs that provide health coverage.

Is the primary applicant...

Offered health coverage through an employer?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
GA: Over 18 and, on average, works more than 80 hours a month?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
A U.S. citizen?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered yes, skip the following two questions.		
A Lawful Permanent Resident¹?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many years have they been a Lawful Permanent Resident¹?		<input type="text"/>

*Indicates a required field

1. A Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) is not a U.S. citizen. An LPR is an immigrant who resides in the U.S. under a legally recognized permanent residence status. Examples include Green Card Holders, Permanent Resident Aliens, and Resident Alien Permit Holders.

SECTION 2: Parent or legal guardian (if applicable)

Only complete this section if you are a parent or legal guardian applying for a child under 18.

First name

MI

Last name

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Gender

Male Female Undeclared

Home phone

Mobile phone

Mailing address (Include Apt. Number. P. O. boxes acceptable)

City

State

ZIP code

Email

SECTION 3: Family information (if applicable)

Spouse/domestic partner to be covered (if applicable)

Please complete this section for the spouse/domestic partner who will be covered by the health plan and applying for the Georgia Bridge Program subsidy. If an applicant is under 18, the parent or legal guardian should complete this section for the applicant.

First name

MI

Choose one:

Spouse Domestic partner

Last name

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

Medical record number (if available)

Gender

Male Female Undeclared

Please answer **ALL** applicable questions below about the spouse/domestic partner. This information is only used to find out if the spouse/domestic partner is eligible for the Georgia Bridge Program or other programs that provide health coverage.

Is the spouse/domestic partner ...

Offered health coverage through an employer?*

Yes No

GA: Over 18 and, on average, works more than 80 hours a month?*

Yes No

A U.S. citizen?

Yes No

If you answered yes, skip the following two questions.

A Lawful Permanent Resident¹?

Yes No

If yes, how many years have they been a Lawful Permanent Resident¹?

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SECTION 3: Family information *(continued)*

Dependent 1 to be covered

Please complete this section for each additional dependent who will be covered by the health plan and applying for the Georgia Bridge Program subsidy. If an applicant is under 18, the parent or legal guardian should complete this section for the applicant. If you have more than 3 dependents applying, please copy this page and fill out the same information requested below for each additional dependent.

First name		MI
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Last name		Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/>
Medical record number (if available)	Gender	Relationship to primary applicant
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="text"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared	

Please answer **ALL** applicable questions below about the dependent. This information is only used to find out if the dependent is eligible for the Georgia Bridge Program or other programs that provide health coverage.

Is the dependent ...

Offered health coverage through an employer?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
GA: Over 18 and, on average, works more than 80 hours a month?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
A U.S. citizen?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you answered yes, skip the following two questions.	
A Lawful Permanent Resident¹?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, how many years have they been a Lawful Permanent Resident¹?	_____

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SECTION 3: Family information *(continued)*

Dependent 2 to be covered

Please complete this section for each additional dependent who will be covered by the health plan and applying for the Georgia Bridge Program subsidy. If an applicant is under 18, the parent or legal guardian should complete this section for the applicant.

First name	<input type="text"/>															MI	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>															Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	<input type="text"/> /
Medical record number (if available)	<input type="text"/>	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Relationship to primary applicant	<input type="text"/>											
			<input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared														

Please answer **ALL** applicable questions below about the dependent. This information is only used to find out if the dependent is eligible for the Georgia Bridge Program or other programs that provide health coverage.

Is the dependent ...

Offered health coverage through an employer?* Yes No

GA: Over 18 and, on average, works more than 80 hours a month?* Yes No

A U.S. citizen? Yes No

If you answered yes, skip the following two questions.

A Lawful Permanent Resident¹? Yes No

If yes, how many years have they been a Lawful Permanent Resident¹? _____

Dependent 3 to be covered

Please complete this section for each additional dependent who will be covered by the health plan and applying for the Georgia Bridge Program subsidy. If an applicant is under 18, the parent or legal guardian should complete this section for the applicant.

First name	<input type="text"/>															MI	<input type="text"/>
Last name	<input type="text"/>															Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	<input type="text"/> /
Medical record number (if available)	<input type="text"/>	Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	Relationship to primary applicant	<input type="text"/>											
			<input type="checkbox"/> Undeclared														

Please answer **ALL** applicable questions below about the dependent. This information is only used to find out if the dependent is eligible for the Georgia Bridge Program or other programs that provide health coverage.

Is the dependent ...

Offered health coverage through an employer?* Yes No

GA: Over 18 and, on average, works more than 80 hours a month?* Yes No

A U.S. citizen? Yes No

If you answered yes, skip the following two questions.

A Lawful Permanent Resident¹? Yes No

If yes, how many years have they been a Lawful Permanent Resident¹? _____

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SECTION 4: Household income (Required)

Your family size and household income help us determine if you are eligible for the Georgia Bridge Program.

(A) What is the total number of family members[†] in your household?* _____

[†]If you file taxes, this is the same number of family members that you report on your tax form. (You do not need to file taxes to apply.) Usually, this includes yourself and the immediate family members who live with you such as your spouse and your children 18 and under (up to 23 if a student).

(B) How many of the family members counted in (A) contribute to your household/family income?* _____

(C) Please complete the table below.

- List the estimated yearly gross income (before taxes) for each family member counted in (B).
- If (B) is more than 3, make a copy of this page, provide the same information for each additional family member, and send it with your application.
- For child dependents who are working but whose income is below the threshold required for filing taxes (\$12,950 in 2022):
 - Do not include them in the number of family members who contribute to household/family income
 - Do not include their income in the chart below
 - Do not submit proof of income documents

Estimated yearly income (before taxes)	family member 1	family member 2	family member 3
Income from wages, tips, and self-employment income	\$	\$	\$
Social Security Disability (SSDI) payments	\$	\$	\$
Unemployment benefits	\$	\$	\$
Pension/retirement income	\$	\$	\$
Rental income you get from property you own and lease	\$	\$	\$
Interest income and annuities	\$	\$	\$
Student financial aid – only include if used for living expenses (scholarships, awards, grants for tuition/education expenses are not counted as income)	\$	\$	\$
Alimony received (for settlements before 2019)	\$	\$	\$
Other income, such as capital gains, clergy earnings, or gambling income	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL INCOME	\$ *	\$	\$

Attach copies of the most current proof of income for the items you include in the table above.

Examples include:

- Pay stubs
- Award letters for Social Security or unemployment benefits
- 1040 tax form from previous year
- W-2 from current employer
- Letter from employer

We will calculate your total yearly household income by adding up the amounts shown in your submitted proof of income documents. If you submitted your 1040 tax form, no other proof of income is required. If your proof of income documents don't match the yearly gross income in the table above, please explain any special circumstances that we should consider when we are reviewing your income documents:

Only myself/my spouse works
 Hours have been cut or are not consistent
 Recent job change
 I do not work
 Self employed
 Other (please explain) _____

*Indicates a required field

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SECTION 4: Household income *(continued)*

If any family member included in table (C) has income deductions, please complete the table below.

Estimated yearly income deductions	family member 1	family member 2	family member 3
Student loan interest	\$	\$	\$
Self-employed expenses	\$	\$	\$
Alimony paid (for settlements before 2019)	\$	\$	\$
Other deductions: Please specify	\$	\$	\$
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	\$	\$	\$

Attach copies of the most current proof of deductions for the items listed above (examples: student loan statement, self-employment receipts). **We will calculate the total deductions by adding up the proof of deductions documents. If your proof of deductions doesn't match the total deductions in the above table, please explain in the space provided on page 9.**

Self-employment: If any family member included in table (C) is self-employed, submit a copy of Schedule C and page 1 (the adjusted gross income page) of last year's federal income tax return, or a profit and loss form for each business.

SECTION 5: Choose an authorized representative (if you have one)

You can give a community partner/agency, representative, relative, or trusted friend permission to talk about this form with us, see your information, or act for you on matters related to this form only. This person or community partner/agency is called an authorized representative.

First name

MI

Last name

Organization name (if applicable)

Kaiser Permanente entity enrollment number (if applicable)

Phone

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By signing, you've appointed this person or community partner/agency as your legally authorized representative to get information for this Kaiser Permanente form and to act for you on matters related to this form. This authorization lasts two (2) years from your signature date or until you cancel it. You may cancel the authorization at any time by submitting a signed written request to Kaiser Permanente, Attn: CHC, P.O. Box 23127, San Diego, CA 92193-3127 or fax: 1-855-355-5334. Once you cancel, we will stop sharing your information and no longer use it, except to the extent that the information has been relied upon before. Once we disclose to your representative, your information may be redisclosed by your representative and no longer protected by federal privacy law. Even if you don't sign this authorization, we will still process your application for the Georgia Bridge Program subsidy but we will not be able to share your information with your representative. You have a right to receive a copy of this authorization.

X

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Required signature (primary member or financially responsible party, parent or legal guardian for members under 18)

SECTION 6: Sign the application agreement (Required)

By signing this form, you certify the information on this form is correct and accurate. If you provide incorrect or incomplete information on this form or in further correspondence concerning this form, any Kaiser Permanente subsidy to cover costs related to health coverage may be terminated. Membership approval for Kaiser Permanente's Georgia Bridge Program is not guaranteed as it is based on eligibility and availability.

X

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

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Required signature (primary member or financially responsible party, parent or legal guardian for members under 18)

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