

## Paying For Your Health Care

Directions: Check word meanings orally with students. Discuss meanings and give examples for any unknown words or concepts. Use graphics and Reading Passage -Section 17 to help clarify.

health insurance - a contract or agreement that promises to pay for a person's medical treatment, in case it is needed. Usually, the person must pay a set amount of money every month, called a 'premium,' even if they do not receive medical care.

government health program - a health insurance program run by the government

Supplemental Vocabulary (words which may come up in oral discussions or other activities)

payment plan - a way to pay for something a little bit at a time instead of all at once

insurance policy - the written contract that explains what the insurance company will pay for and what it will not

uninsured - without an insurance policy

premium - the amount of money a person pays for an insurance plan

eligible - meeting the conditions that are required; qualifying for a certain program

Medicaid -	a U.S. federal government and state government program that helps pay for health care for the needy, blind, disabled, and low-income families with children
Medicare -	the U.S. federal government program that covers most health care for people age 65 and over
KidCare -	state government programs that help pay for health insurance for children 18 and younger from eligible working families. Not every state uses this name. To find out the name for the program in your state, go to <a href="http://www.insurekidsnow.gov/states.asp">www.insurekidsnow.gov/states.asp</a>
sliding scale fees -	when the amount of money a person has to pay for services or products goes higher or lower depending upon their income
criteria -	guidelines or rules
enroll -	to join or sign up for something
qualify -	to meet the requirements
secure -	safe, free from danger or risk
tax return -	a report you file each year with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) with information used to figure out your income tax for that year