



## 2017 “Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan” Costs

Under the Affordable Care Act, premium tax credits are designed to help low and middle-income households to afford comprehensive insurance through DC Health Link. The credit covers the portion of the premium of a health insurance Benchmark Plan which exceeds a percentage of the household’s income. Higher income households get a smaller credit than lower income households. The Benchmark Plan is the Second Lowest Cost Silver Plan available to the family through the state’s health benefit exchange.

Benchmark Plan costs vary based on the age of each enrollee at the time of enrollment or renewal. For 2017, the DC Health Link Benchmark Plan is the *BlueChoice HMO Standard Silver \$2000* and monthly premiums are as follows for each individual in a household:

Age	Monthly Premium
Newborn through Age 20	\$198.48
Ages 21 – 27	\$220.64
Age 28	\$225.80
Age 29	\$230.66
Age 30	\$236.41
Age 31	\$242.49
Age 32	\$247.95
Age 33	\$253.72
Age 34	\$259.79
Age 35	\$265.86
Age 36	\$271.93
Age 37	\$277.99
Age 38	\$281.34
Age 39	\$284.68
Age 40	\$295.90
Age 41	\$307.43
Age 42	\$319.57
Age 43	\$332.01

Age	Monthly Premium
Age 44	345.07
Age 45	358.42
Age 46	372.38
Age 47	386.95
Age 48	402.13
Age 49	417.9
Age 50	434.3
Age 51	451.29
Age 52	468.9
Age 53	487.1
Age 54	506.22
Age 55	525.94
Age 56	546.59
Age 57	567.83
Age 58	589.98
Age 59	613.05
Age 60	637.02
Ages 61 and Above	661.91

If more than one person in the tax household is enrolling in a DC Health Link plan, and does not have access to other coverage (e.x. Medicaid, Medicare, or employer-sponsored insurance), the Benchmark Plan cost is the cumulative of the premium for each member.

#### EXAMPLE 1

Joe is not married and does not claim any dependents on his taxes. He is eligible for an advance premium tax credit because he is not eligible for Medicaid or other coverage outside of DC Health Link. He is 30 years old and therefore his Benchmark Plan premium is \$236.41.

#### EXAMPLE 2

Mark and Lucy are married and do not claim any dependents on their taxes. Both are eligible for an advance premium tax credit because they are not eligible for Medicaid or other coverage outside of DC Health Link. Mark is 25 years old and Lucy is 28 years old and therefore their Benchmark Plan premium is \$446.44 ( $\$220.64 + \$225.80$ ).

#### EXAMPLE 3

Jerry and Anabella are married and do not claim any dependents on their taxes. Anabella is pregnant and eligible for Medicaid. Jerry is not eligible for Medicaid or other coverage outside of DC Health Link. Jerry is 25 years old and Anabella is 23 years old. However, only Jerry's is eligible for an advance premium tax credit because Anabella already has access to coverage (Medicaid). Therefore, their Benchmark Plan premium is \$220.64.

#### EXAMPLE 4

Frank and Mary are married and have a son named Luke and a daughter named Heather, who they claim as tax dependents. Luke is eligible for Medicaid as a child. The rest are not eligible for Medicaid or any coverage outside of DCHL. Frank is 45 years old, Mary is 43 years old, Luke is 15, and Heather is 19 years old. Therefore, their Benchmark Plan premium is \$888.91 ( $\$358.42 + \$332.01 + \$198.48$ ). Again, Luke does not count toward the Benchmark Plan because he already has access to other coverage (Medicaid) and is not eligible for an advance premium tax credit.

#### EXAMPLE 5

Henry and Elizabeth are married and claim their son, Edward, as a tax dependent. Henry is 55 years old, Elizabeth is 53 years old, and Edward is 28 years old. Henry is eligible for coverage through his employer and Elizabeth is eligible for the same coverage through her husband. Edward is not eligible for the employer coverage because he is too old to be claimed as a child. None are eligible for Medicaid. Therefore, only Edward is eligible for an advance premium tax credit and the family's Benchmark Plan premium is \$225.80. This is true even if neither Henry nor Elizabeth enroll in the employer-sponsored coverage.

