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## Keep health coverage with taxpayer safety net

Losing health insurance coverage through an employer after a job loss can be a major blow. But laid-off and uninsured people should not give up because the area has a safety net: Local tax-supported health districts with solid coverage.

For information:

*North Broward Hospital District:* [browardhealth.org](http://browardhealth.org) or 954-759-7400.

*South Broward Hospital District:* [mhs.net](http://mhs.net) or 954-987-2000.

*Health Care District of Palm Beach County:* The tax-backed district's Vita Health covers the uninsured making up to 300 percent of the poverty level (\$63,612 per year for a family of four). Premiums are \$25 to \$100 per month per person. [vitahealth.org](http://vitahealth.org) or 866-930-0035.

*Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation:* [kff.org/uninsured](http://kff.org/uninsured).

*Foundation for Health Coverage Education:* [Coverageforall.org](http://Coverageforall.org) or 800-234-1317.