

Maryland Medicaid changes under the ACA

Where do I go to apply for Medicaid?

Maryland Health Connection provides online, in-person or over-the-phone application assistance for Marylanders to enroll in Medicaid. Applicants can also go to their local Department of Social Services or Health Department office to apply. In-person assistance is also available through a statewide network of consumer assistance organizations. Applications can also be submitted using SAIL, www.Marylandsail.org.



What are the changes to the Medicaid application process?

Maryland Health Connection is our state's health insurance marketplace that makes it easier for Marylanders to apply for Medicaid coverage. The online and paper application is a single, streamlined process for all health insurance affordability programs.



How will it work?

- ✘ Medicaid expanded to cover all adults under age 65 up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or about \$32,913 annually for a family of four.
- ✘ Eligibility for most people is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI), which is a federal standard linked to tax methods.
- ✘ Eligibility is determined in real time in most cases.
- ✘ Income and other required information are verified using data from the IRS, Social Security Administration, and other state and federal data sources; **no paper verification** is necessary when the information is already available.

If I already have Medicaid, what should I do?

If you or your children are currently enrolled in Medicaid, you do not need to do anything. You will be contacted when it is time to renew your coverage.

Do the new income and household composition rules apply to all Medicaid beneficiaries?

No. The new income and household eligibility rules do not apply to the elderly, people applying on the basis of need for long-term care, people who qualify for assistance with Medicare premiums and cost-sharing, and foster care youths.

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Are there any changes for youths in foster care in Maryland enrolled in Medicaid?

Yes. Young adults who have aged out of foster care will remain eligible for Medicaid up to age 26, regardless of income.



Where can I go to find more information on Medicaid changes in Maryland?



Go to **MarylandHealthConnection.gov** for more information or to sign up for updates. Additional information about Medicaid can be found at **Medicaid.gov** and **<https://mmcp.dhmf.maryland.gov>**.