

Who qualifies for Medicaid?

Medicaid and Maryland Children’s Health Program (MCHP) offer free health coverage to many Marylanders. You may qualify, even if you didn’t in the past. Your children or other members of your household also may qualify even if you don’t.

Check the chart below to see if you may qualify for free coverage based on your income and family size.

You may be eligible for Medicaid if your monthly income is up to approximately:			
If your household size is this	Adults	Children (MCHP)	Pregnant Individuals
1	\$1,835	\$4,283	N/A
2	\$2,490	\$5,809	\$4,763
3	\$3,142	\$7,332	\$6,011
4	\$3,795	\$8,855	\$7,260
5	\$4,449	\$10,381	\$8,511
6	\$5,102	\$11,904	\$9,760
7	\$5,755	\$13,427	\$11,009
8	\$6,409	\$14,954	\$12,280
Each person add	\$654	\$1,526	\$1,251

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When can I enroll? When does my coverage begin?

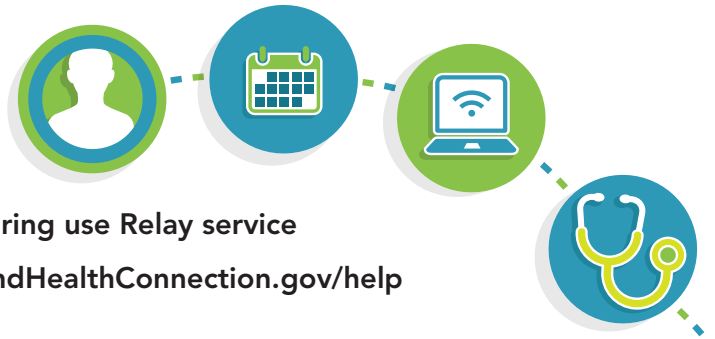
You can apply for Medicaid at any time. Enrollment is open year-round. If you are eligible for Medicaid and MCHP, coverage begins on the first day of the month that you applied.

You will renew your Medicaid or MCHP coverage once a year. You’ll be contacted when it is time to renew.

If you are applying to Medicaid because you are aged, blind, disabled or medically needy, or applying for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB) or Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLMB), contact your **local Department of Social Services** for more information. You can apply for these benefits online at benefits.maryland.gov.

How do I apply for Medicaid?

- Apply online at MarylandHealthConnection.gov
- Visit your local Department of Social Services
- Call **1-855-642-8572**. Deaf and hard of hearing use Relay service
- Find free, in-person help near you at MarylandHealthConnection.gov/help
- Download our free mobile app, **Enroll MHC**



What benefits are covered through Medicaid?

Your managed care organization through Medicaid covers the following benefits and more, at no cost:

- Visits to the doctor, including regular checkups and specialists
- Pregnancy care
- Family planning and birth control
- Prescription drugs
- Hospital and emergency services
- Primary mental health services through your doctor

Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) covers full health benefits for children up to age 19. Benefits for children include these and more:

- Doctor visits, including regular checkups and visits when sick
- Immunizations like flu shots
- Prescriptions
- Hospitalizations, including lab work and tests
- Dental care
- Vision care

Is dental care covered?

Dental care is free for anyone enrolled in Medicaid or MCHP.

What immigration statuses are eligible for Medicaid?

Under most immigration statuses, you must be lawfully present in the U.S. for five years ("the five-year bar") before you are eligible for Medicaid. However, lawfully residing children under 21 (regardless of type of status) are not subject to the five-year requirement. Noncitizen pregnant individuals of any immigration status also have access to Medicaid coverage.

Regardless of immigration status, if you have had a recent medical emergency, you may be able to apply for emergency medical services, including labor and delivery. For more information, visit your local Department of Social Services.

To see if your immigration status may qualify you to enroll, visit MarylandHealthConnection.gov or find free, in-person help at MarylandHealthConnection.gov/help.