

MEDICAID BENEFITS – ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION

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ELIGIBILITY

Many groups of people are covered by Medicaid. Even within these groups, though, certain requirements must be met. These may include your age; whether you are pregnant, have disabilities, are blind, or aged; your income and/or assets; and whether you are a U.S. citizen or a lawfully admitted immigrant.

When you apply for Medicaid, the requirements listed above will be taken into account before a decision is made.

Your child may be eligible for coverage if he or she is a U.S. citizen or a lawfully admitted immigrant, even if you are not. Eligibility for children is based on the child's status, not the parent's.

In general, you should apply for Medicaid if your income is low and you match one of the descriptions below:

- You think you are pregnant
- You have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer
- You are a child or teenager age 18 or under
- You are over the age of 65
- You are blind
- You have disabilities
- You need nursing home care.

Other situations that may make you eligible:

- If you are leaving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and need health coverage.
- If you are a family with children under 19 and have very low or no income.
- If your income is higher than the limits and you have medical bills you owe (and you are pregnant, under 18 or over 65, blind, or disabled.)
- If a child is in foster care or adopted
- If you or someone in your family needs health care, you should apply for Medicaid even if you are not sure whether you qualify. Some income and resources do not count against you. For example, owning your home may not stop you from getting Medicaid. Every group has its own income limits, which increase on a regular basis.

You can find out if you qualify for Medicaid or other medical assistance and social service programs by speaking with a representative at your local DFCS office. Call the DFCS information line at 877-423-4746 to be directed to the appropriate office where someone can help you.

[County DFCS Locations](#)

MEDICAID APPLICATION

There are several ways to apply for Medicaid and other medical assistance programs:

To apply for Medicaid, you can submit a completed signed application online at www.COMPASS.ga.gov, or you may print a Medicaid application and submit the completed signed application at any local DFCS office, in person, by mail, telephone, fax or email. Click on the following links to complete and print your application.

[GA Medicaid Application \(English\) – Updated 09/22/14](#)

[GA Medicaid Application \(Spanish\) – Updated 09/22/14](#)

If you are pregnant or have breast or cervical cancer, you may apply for Presumptive Medicaid at your local health department. Please call 404-657-2700