

Medicaid Coverage

This paper is for informational purposes only. The best way to determine if you are eligible for Medicaid is to contact the applicable Medicaid office or to apply.

Who is eligible for Medicaid?

The eligibility requirements for Medicaid are not the same in every state and may depend on your age. Generally, your income has to be below a certain amount in order to be eligible for Medicaid. Below are two charts that give general information about eligibility for Medicaid. There may be other programs available with different requirements that vary by state.

Medicaid Eligibility for Adults <i>under</i> Age 65	
State of Residence	Yearly Income Limit *In general your yearly income must be at or below this amount to be eligible. *
Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado, North Dakota, Virginia & West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$16,612 • Family of two: \$22,491 • Family of three: \$28,369 • Family of four: \$34,248 <p>If an individual is pregnant or a related caretaker of a child, then more generous income limits may apply.</p> <p><i>Income amounts vary slightly by state.</i></p>
Alabama, Tennessee and Wyoming	Adults under Age 65 are generally not eligible unless they are pregnant, a related caretaker of a child, disabled, and/or blind (as well as have income under a certain amount that varies by state). However, other state programs may apply.

Medicaid Eligibility for Adults <i>over</i> Age 65		
State of Residence	Monthly Income Limit *In general your monthly income must be at or below this amount to be eligible. * <i>Amounts vary by state.</i>	Resource Limit *Resources are generally things you own that can be turned into cash. However, there are some things you may exclude, such as your home, life insurance policy, and burial plot.*
Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee & West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$771 • Couple: \$1,157 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$2,000 • Couple: \$3,000
Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$1,041 • Couple: \$1,409 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$2,000 • Couple: \$3,000
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$517 • Couple: \$694 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$3,000 • Couple: \$6,000
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$833 • Couple: 1,068 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Individual: \$2,000 • Couple: \$3,000

* There are also other Medicaid programs that may be available to individuals in some states, such as nursing home programs, long-term care programs, breast and cervical cancer treatment programs, and certain Medicare Savings Programs (which can provide assistance with Medicare premiums or cost-sharing).