What is Medicaid?
Medicaid is health insurance for people with low incomes. Eligibility rules vary by Medicaid program. Often, people are served by “managed care plans” like CareSource or Molina. Most get care at no cost.

- Income limits for some of the programs (as a percentage of the federal poverty level):
  - Pregnant women: 206%
  - Uninsured children: 206%
  - Low-income people: 138%

Are Immigrants Eligible?
The following people may be eligible for Medicaid:

- Refugees and Asylees
- Lawfully Permanent Residents
- United States Citizens

Undocumented immigrants are not usually eligible, but may apply for Medicaid for a child with legal status. Emergency bills may be covered by the Alien Emergency Medical Assistance (AEMA) program.

How do I apply?

- Online: benefits.ohio.gov
- In Person: at your local Job and Family Services office
- Phone: (844) 640-6446

Keep proof if you send things to Job and Family Services. Two ways you can do this: a fax receipt or certificate of mailing from the post office.

How do I appeal?

- You have 90 days to appeal if you think your Medicaid was denied by mistake. If your Medicaid is being stopped, appeal within 15 days to keep your benefits on until you get a hearing decision. Here are some ways to ask for a state hearing:
  - 1-866-635-3748
  - BSH@jfs.ohio.gov
  - hearings.jfs.ohio.gov
  - ODJFS Bureau of State Hearings
    P.O. Box 182825
    Columbus, Ohio 43218

This information is based on current laws that are subject to change, and is not legal advice. Please reach out to us if:

- Your Medicaid is denied, stopped, or lowered and you think it was wrong
- Your appeal was denied

You have the right to information in a way you can understand. Ask for an interpreter, or letters to be sent to you in language or a way you can read them.