

HOW TO APPLY

In Illinois, you can apply for Medicaid and other programs through the Application for Benefits Eligibility (ABE).

The link to ABE can be found here: www.abe.illinois.gov.

You can call 1-800-843-6154 or visit your local Family and Community Resource Center to apply. To find your Family and Community Resource Center, visit:

- www.dhs.illinois.gov/officelocator

For help with comparing health plans and their benefits, visit:

- www.enrollhfs.illinois.gov.

Once you have Medicaid, you will receive information about signing up for free managed care with one of these companies, if you are eligible. CountyCare serves Cook County only.



Language and translation: You can ask for health plan information in any language, format, or print size.

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Benefits of Medicaid Managed Care

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Free health insurance

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Access to a care coordinator to set and meet health goals

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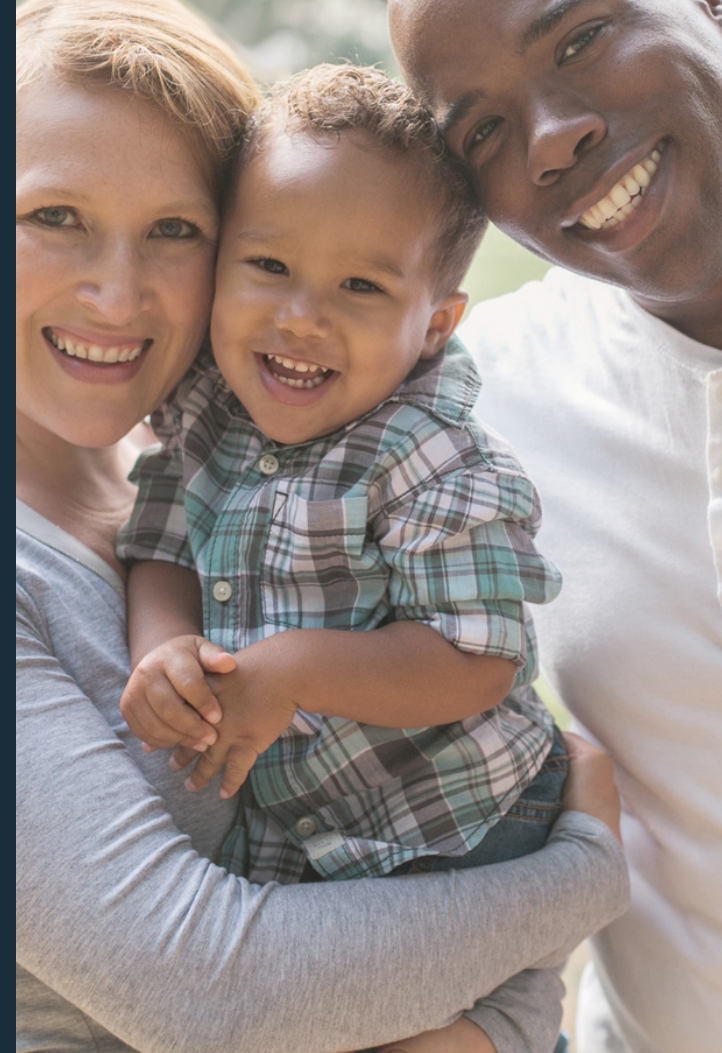
Maternity care and postnatal care

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Meet a doctor who will get to know you and help manage health conditions

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Free transportation to and from doctors' appointments



The Medicaid Benefit



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WHAT IS MEDICAID?

Medicaid is a program that provides free healthcare to low income residents of all ages in Illinois. Under Illinois Medicaid, there are no out-of-pocket costs for medical services.

AM I ELIGIBLE?

Anyone can apply for Medicaid. Whether you are approved depends on your income, family size and health status. Health status could include pregnancy, age or disability.

For more information about income limits, visit:

- www.benefits.gov/benefit/1628

WHAT IS COVERED?

Medicaid will pay for your healthcare costs, including:

- 24/7 Nurse Hotline
- Transportation
- Hospice Care
- Home Health Care
- Physical Exams
- Therapy
- Medicine, like insulin
- Eye Care
- Emergency Services
- Medical supplies
- Doctor Visits
- Lab Tests and X-Rays
- Mental Health Services
- Hospital Services
- Vaccines
- Dental
- Nursing Home Care
- Family Planning Services
- Counseling for Smoking
- Cancer Screenings

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE I'M APPROVED?

Once approved, you will have access to the medical services and doctors you need to keep you healthy. You will be able to select a primary care doctor who you can call for regular checkups and overall health needs.

Regular doctors' visits help to find health issues early and save you money in the long run. A doctor can help you live a healthy life, prescribe medications, and screen for disease. Doctors can also recommend specialists and other doctors when you need them.

You will also be able to choose a Medicaid Managed Care plan, if eligible. Your plan will help you find doctors, set up visits, and access additional services.

If eligible, an enrollment packet will be sent to you on how to select your health plan and doctor once you become a member.



WHAT IS MEDICAID MANAGED CARE?

Medicaid Managed Care is a type of health insurance program. The State of Illinois works with private health insurance plans to cover health benefits. Depending on where you live, these health insurance plans may include Aetna Better Health, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois, CountyCare, Humana, Meridian Health, and Molina Healthcare.

Medicaid Managed Care plans offer benefits in addition to services already covered by Medicaid. These may include free gym memberships and gift cards for attending doctors' visits. All health plans in Illinois also cover extra support for Medicaid members, called Care Coordination.

WHAT IS CARE COORDINATION?

Care Coordination allows your doctors to work with your health plan to make sure you have access to services. Your health plan can provide you with a Care Coordinator, depending on your health needs. Your Care Coordinator will work with you to find doctors, set up visits, get transportation to and from visits, and manage prescriptions. They can also help with hospital discharge and finding in-home services.