

# Medicaid & CHIP coverage

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Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) provide free or low-cost health coverage to millions of Americans, including some low-income people, families and children, pregnant women, the elderly, and people with disabilities.

Some states have expanded their Medicaid programs to cover all people below certain income levels.

### See if you qualify for Medicaid based on income alone

Find out if your state is expanding Medicaid and if you qualify based only on your income. We'll also tell you if you qualify for savings on a health insurance plan instead.

#### **FIND OUT NOW**

Even if your state hasn't expanded Medicaid and you don't qualify based on income alone, you should apply.

Each state has coverage options that could work for you – particularly if you have children, are pregnant, or have a disability.

There's no limited enrollment period for Medicaid or CHIP. If you qualify, coverage can begin immediately, any time of year.

**Note:** Medicaid & CHIP program names vary. [Learn what they're called in your state.](#)

## Apply for Medicaid and CHIP 2 ways

### 1. Through the Health Insurance Marketplace

Fill out an application through the Health Insurance Marketplace.

- If it looks like anyone in your household qualifies for Medicaid or CHIP, we'll send your information to your state agency. They'll contact you about enrollment.
- When you submit your Marketplace application, you'll also find out if you qualify for an individual insurance plan with savings based on your income instead. Plans may be more affordable than you think.

[Create an account](#) to start a Marketplace application.

## 2. Through your state Medicaid agency

You can also apply directly to your state Medicaid agency. Select your state below for your Medicaid agency's contact information.

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## Medicaid & CHIP basics

Medicaid basics

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) basics

## More answers: Medicaid & CHIP

If I have Medicaid or CHIP, am I considered "covered" by the health care law?

What services does Medicaid cover?

What's the income level to qualify for Medicaid?

If my income's too high for Medicaid, can I buy insurance through the Health Insurance Marketplace?

What if I'm eligible for Medicaid, but want to buy an insurance plan in the Marketplace instead?

What if I have Medicaid now, but I have only limited benefits?

What rules apply to former foster children and Medicaid?

What if I've been turned down for Medicaid or CHIP coverage?

For more information go to <https://www.healthcare.gov/get-coverage/>

**CoverKids** applicants applying for child (non-pregnant) coverage must apply online by visiting [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) or toll-free 1-800-318-2596. –

See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/coverkids/topic/coverkids-application#sthash.ADkxRlaH.dpuf>