

WHAT IS MEDICAID?

- Medicaid provides no cost or low cost health care coverage to millions of Americans, including eligible low-income adults, children and pregnant women. Medicaid is administered by states, with federal requirements.
- The New Mexico Medicaid program is called Centennial Care. The program provides health coverage/payment for services like:
 - Routine doctor's visits
 - Mental health/counseling sessions
 - Care during pregnancy
 - Newborn care
- Medicaid eligibility is determined by the NM Human Services Department (HSD) and is dependent upon a person's citizenship/immigration status, residency, income and other factors.

Source: www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/centennial-care-overview.aspx



GET THE
SUPPORT
YOU NEED.

WANT TO APPLY?

- For more information regarding Centennial Care Medicaid, visit the New Mexico HSD website at:
www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/centennial-care-overview.aspx
OR call: 1-888-997-2583
- To apply for Centennial Care:

On-line: www.yes.state.nm.us

By Phone (toll-free): 1-855-637-6574

In person: To find a field office near you, go to www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/Field_Offices_1.aspx

By Mail: Download an application at www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForAssistance/apply-for-benefits.aspx

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MEDICAID FOR ME?

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



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WHO CAN APPLY?

Any New Mexico resident can apply. Guidelines for application and signature requirements are as follows:

- **If you are under age 18**, a parent, grandparent, guardian or authorized representative must sign your application.
- **If you are under 18, but do not live with a parent/guardian or grandparent**, another responsible adult may sign the application. The adult may be an adult relative, another adult with who you may be living or someone who works at your school (for example, homeless liaison, school nurse, school counselor, social worker, etc.)
- **If you are legally emancipated** (legally independent from your parents), you may sign your own application.

If your initial application is denied, you can reapply. Because situations and financial guidelines change, you may be eligible. If you are unable to provide the necessary information due to your current circumstances, ISD Field Office personnel may be able to assist you in obtaining it.

WHO CAN HELP ME?

Certain school staff can help answer your questions and help you apply. The following individuals may be available:

- **Medicaid Coordinator:** assists with identifying school and community resources related to health coverage.
- **Presumptive Eligibility Determiner:** can assist with applying for immediate Medicaid coverage
- **Homeless Liaison:** can provide many supports to students and families experiencing homelessness, including help with Medicaid applications. For a downloadable list of liaisons, visit: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/student-success-wellness/mckinney-vento/>
- **School-Based Health Center:** can provide healthcare services and will likely have a Presumptive Eligibility Determiner on staff. Visit: <https://www.nmasbhc.org/school-based-health-centers/sbhc-directory/> for a map and list of centers

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Unaccompanied Youth:

- If you are under 18 but do not live with a parent/guardian, you may still qualify for Medicaid.
- Unless you are legally emancipated, your application will require an adult signature.
- Your signature may be from an adult that works at the school, an adult relative, or another adult with whom you live.

Pregnant and Parenting Youth:

- If you are pregnant or have a child, you and your child may qualify for Medicaid.
- If you have active Medicaid when a child is born, they are automatically eligible.
- Even if you are not eligible for Medicaid, your child may be.
- Your Medicaid eligibility may depend on your parents' or guardians' income if they claim you as a dependent on their tax return.

Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens:

- If you are an undocumented immigrant and meet Medicaid income eligibility, you may be eligible for coverage of emergency care.
- Labor and delivery is considered an emergency and may be covered under EMSA.

Note:

If you have special circumstances like those above or others, it is strongly encouraged to seek in-person assistance at a local field office. See reverse side for a link to the directory of HSD offices.