

MEDICAID

What is Medicaid?

- Medicaid a type of insurance provided by the government for people with low income. There are several Medicaid plans with different names.
- There are two types of Medicaid in Texas:
 - The first is **traditional Medicaid**.
 - With traditional Medicaid, you receive health care from any doctor who accepts Medicaid.
 - The second is **STAR Medicaid**.
 - With STAR Medicaid, you have one primary care doctor who takes care of you and refers you to specialists as needed.
- You get traditional Medicaid if you are not in STAR, STAR+PLUS, or STAR Health.
- Both Medicaid programs have the same benefits.

Who Can Apply?

- Children (Under the age of 19)
- Pregnant women
- The elderly (65 years of age or older)
- People that are blind and have disabilities

How Do I Apply?

- You can apply online at:
 - <http://yourtexasbenefits.hhsc.texas.gov/apply/how-to-apply> .
- To fill out a paper form you have two options:
 - You can print the forms yourself and mail them in.
 - Or you can have the forms mailed to you for you to fill them out.
 - You can call 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905. After you pick a language, press 2. Staff can help you Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

What Are the Eligibility Requirements?

- You must live in Texas.
- You must be a US citizen. Except, people who are not citizens may be able to get Medicaid for emergencies.
- Your income must fall in the guidelines (low income or very low income).
- Your resources must fall in the guidelines. Cars and bank accounts are common resources.

How Much Does it Cost?

- You will have no costs.



Want to Change Your Medicaid Insurance Provider Plan?

- If you have a Medicaid insurance plan that your physician does not accept you may change that plan. Usually it takes 30 days to change plans but please check as this may be different for a few of the plans.
 - Contact: 211 for assistance or MAXIMUS the enrollment line for all of the Medicaid providers at (800) 964 2777.
- MAXIMUS can provide information as to which plans are accepted by your primary care doctor (PCP) but they do not keep a list of specialists.
 - To verify whether a specialist accepts your Medicaid insurance plan you will need to contact that specialist.

If you have questions:

- You can call the toll free Medicaid hotline at (800) 252-8263.
- You can visit the website at: <http://yourtexasbenefits.hhsc.texas.gov/apply/how-to-apply#see-a-list-of-forms> .