THE PROCESS FOR BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID

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Goals

- To define what Medicaid is
- To define the qualifications one must meet to obtain Medicaid benefits
- To take a closer look at the benefits for people who are 65+, blind, or permanently disabled
- To define the process one can take to apply for Medicaid
- To provide you with contact information to learn more about Medicaid
Medicaid provides health insurance to parents/caretakers and dependent children, pregnant women, and people who are aged, blind or disabled.

These programs pay for hospital services, doctor visits, prescriptions, nursing home care and other healthcare needs, depending on what program a person is eligible for.
To be eligible for New Jersey Medicaid, a person must:

- Be a resident of New Jersey
- Be a U.S. Citizen or qualified alien
- Meet specific standards for financial income and resources
Additionally, a person must fall into one of three categories:

- Families with dependent children
- People who are 65+, blind, or permanently disabled (ABD)
- Pregnant women
The ABD Program includes:

- Medically Needy Program
- NJ WorkAbility
- Medicare Savings Program
Medically-needy program

- Provides limited health coverage to aged, blind or disabled people who do not qualify for regular New Jersey Medicaid because their income or financial resources are too high.
- It includes a "spend down" provision that allows documented medical expense to be used to reduce monthly income in order to meet eligibility limits.
- People who qualify for this Medically Needy section of New Jersey Medicaid are entitled to most Medicaid services.
- Click [http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/ABD_Checklist_NJFC-ABD-CL-0416.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/ABD_Checklist_NJFC-ABD-CL-0416.pdf) to learn more about applying.
New Jersey Workability

- Offers full New Jersey Medicaid health coverage to people with disabilities who are working, and to those whose earnings would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid.

- Learn more by clicking: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dds/projects/discoverability/
Some low-income Medicare recipients may also qualify for New Jersey Medicaid, which will provide them with assistance in paying their monthly Medicare premiums, co-pays and deductibles.

Learn more by calling 1-800-792-9745 or click [http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/ABD_Checklist_NJFC-ABD-CL-0416.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/ABD_Checklist_NJFC-ABD-CL-0416.pdf).
All of the NJ FamilyCare Aged, Blind, Disabled Programs have just one application called the NJ FamilyCare Aged, Blind, Disabled Program Application.

Fill-in the application, print it out, and mail it in.

http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmahs/clients/medicaid/abd/ABD_Application_Booklet.pdf

Assistance can be provided by county welfare agencies.
For questions about New Jersey Medicaid, call 1-800-356-1561 or your county welfare agency. (
http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/)