

Maryland Medicaid changes under the ACA

Where do I go to apply for Medicaid?

Beginning in October 2013, Maryland Health Connection will provide online, in-person or over-the-phone application assistance for Marylanders to get enrolled. Applicants can also go to their local Department of Social Services or Health Department office to apply. In-person assistance will also be available through a statewide network of consumer assistance organizations.



What are the changes to the Medicaid application process?

Maryland Health Connection is our state's new health insurance marketplace that will make it easier for Marylanders to apply for and renew Medicaid coverage. The online and paper application is a single, streamlined process for all health insurance affordability programs.



How will it work?

- ✘ Medicaid is expanding to cover all adults under age 65 up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), or about \$32,500 annually for a family of four.
- ✘ Eligibility for most people will be based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) which is a federal standard linked to tax methods.
- ✘ Eligibility will be determined in real time in most cases.
- ✘ Income and other required information will be verified using data from the IRS, Social Security Administration, and other state and federal data sources; **no paper verification** will be necessary when the information is already available.

If I already have Medicaid, what should I do?

If you or your children are currently enrolled in Medicaid, you do not need to do anything. You will be contacted when it is time to renew your coverage. In 2014, you will be able to renew your Medicaid coverage online at **MarylandHealthConnection.gov**. You will also be able to seek assistance with the renewal process by phone and at existing and new locations.

Do the new income and household composition rules apply to all Medicaid beneficiaries?

No. The new income and household eligibility rules will not apply to the elderly, people applying on the basis of need for long term care, people who qualify for assistance with Medicare premiums and cost-sharing, and foster care youths.

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What will happen to the Primary Adult Care (PAC) program?

Beginning in 2014, Medicaid will cover all adults up to 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (\$15,856 annual income for a household size of one). The Primary Adult Care (PAC) program will end on December 31, 2013, and active PAC enrollees will be automatically transitioned to a full Medicaid benefit. PAC enrollees will be notified of the additional benefits available through the HealthChoice program. Notifications about PAC transitions will begin during the fall of 2013.

Are there any changes for youths in foster care in Maryland enrolled in Medicaid?

Yes. Young adults who have aged out of foster care will remain eligible for Medicaid up to age 26.



Where can I go to find more information on Medicaid changes in Maryland?



Go to **MarylandHealthConnection.gov** for more information or to sign up for updates. Additional information about Medicaid can be found at **Medicaid.gov**.