



Department of Medicaid

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Victims of human trafficking can receive free health care coverage through Medicaid or Refugee Medical Assistance. Those who are covered can receive physical and mental health services from any provider who accepts Medicaid. If a victim has children, they are also eligible for coverage.

Examples of services are:

- Medical treatment
- Basic health care services like check-ups and routine exams
- Women's health screenings
- Screenings and vaccines
- Prescriptions
- Hearing, vision, and dental checks

Help Victims Apply:

The easiest way for a victim to apply for Medicaid health care coverage is to complete an application online at Benefits.Ohio.Gov. He or she can also call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at 800-324-8680 for help and additional information about the application process. Even if victims do not think they qualify, they should apply anyway.

Presumptive Eligibility:

Presumptive eligibility (PE) is processed in real time based on self-attested information and provides immediate access to health services. Individuals who qualify through PE are provided with information to apply for full Medicaid coverage, since PE coverage automatically ends after (up to) a sixty-day period.

PE can be determined by Qualified Entities (QEs), which include county departments of job and family services (CDJFS), hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and FQHC look-alikes, Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS), Women, Infants and Children (WIC) clinics, local health departments, and other locations approved by the Ohio Department of Medicaid. A Federally Qualified Health Center is an entity that qualifies for funding under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act and qualifies for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid. Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alikes provide the same primary care services in underserved urban and rural communities but do not receive federal grant funding. For a list of FQHCs or FQHC look-alikes visit: <http://www.fqhc.org/find-an-fqhc/>.

Additional Information on Eligibility:

Documents Necessary. Medicaid attempts to verify eligibility information electronically. If unable to verify electronically, the agency requests written verifications from the individual such as birth verification, social security number, bank statements, pay stubs, or benefits award letters.

Unaccompanied Minors. A custodian or guardian can apply on behalf of an unaccompanied minor. If the child is in the custody of children services, then children services can apply on his or her behalf.

Foster Children. Title IV-E foster children are automatically eligible for Medicaid benefits. Local CDJFS' process Medicaid eligibility for Non-IV-E children. Non-IV-E foster children are not automatically enrolled in Medicaid and must meet all conditions of eligibility. However, children do not have a resource limit and can have more income and still qualify for Medicaid. Their income (which may include parental income) simply needs to be below 206% of the federal poverty level. To connect with your CDJFS visit:

http://jfs.ohio.gov/County/County_Directory.pdf.

Undocumented Minors and Adults. Immigration status is not a disqualifying factor when determining Medicaid eligibility for victims of trafficking who have been awarded a certification letter from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (Ohio Administrative Code 5160:1-2-12).

If you have additional questions about eligibility or accessing benefits, please contact the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at 800-324-8680. To learn more about Ohio's response to human trafficking, visit:

www.humantrafficking.ohio.gov.

