

Disability Medicaid

Disability Medicaid provides coverage for individuals with disabilities

What is Disability Medicaid?

Medicaid is a healthcare program for adults and children with low incomes and limited resources. Disability Medicaid provides coverage for individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability may receive additional services not covered by other Medicaid programs. It is available to people of all ages.

Medicaid defines a disability as the “inability to do any substantial gainful activity.” This includes a medically determinable physical or mental impairment, which:

- Can be expected to result in death, or
- Has lasted or can be expected to last for 12 months or longer

What is covered by Disability Medicaid?

Disability Medicaid provides the same healthcare benefits as other Medicaid programs. It also includes dental services for adults. It may cover some services other programs do not, such as incontinence supplies.

Who is eligible?

To qualify for a Medicaid program, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or qualified resident alien (unless applying only for emergency services)
- Be a Utah resident
- Meet income and resource limits

Medicaid income limit per month	
Household size	Aged and Disabled program Medically Needy Aged, Blind, Disabled program
1	\$1,255
2	\$1,704

(Effective 3/1/2024) To view the current federal poverty limits, visit: <https://oepmanuals.dhhs.utah.gov/>

In addition to meeting the general eligibility criteria to receive Disability Medicaid, you must have a disability. Either Social Security or the Medical Review Office can decide if you meet disability criteria. If you have not been determined disabled at the time you apply for Medicaid, follow these steps:

1. Call or visit a Department of Workforce Services (DWS) location to speak with an eligibility worker and tell them you want to apply for Disability Medicaid. You can fill out an application online or print a paper application to mail or fax to DWS.
2. Gather the medical information about your disabling condition. There may be other forms you and your medical provider need to complete.

3. Gather information about your income and assets. DWS will ask you to send in various documents to verify your eligibility.

The Medical Review Office may ask you to go to a doctor for an exam. If this is needed, the state can pay for the exam. If you are determined eligible for Disability Medicaid, you may also need to apply for income benefits from Social Security. If you think you might be eligible for Disability Medicaid, apply as soon as possible. For more information or to apply online, visit:

<https://jobs.utah.gov/customereducation/services/medicaid/>

Adult Expansion Medicaid

Adult Expansion Medicaid is coverage for adults who are not disabled, pregnant, or caring for minor children. This program is available to adults, age 19 through 64, whose income does not exceed 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL). You must also meet the other general criteria for Medicaid.

Adult Expansion Medicaid offers a broad array of medical services, however, it does not include dental care for adults. There may also be some other minor differences in coverage. Additionally, it is not available to individuals who are eligible for Medicare. Services include:

- Physician services/specialist services
- Inpatient hospital care
- Outpatient services, labs, therapy
- Pharmacy
- Mental health and substance use disorder services
- Emergency room and ambulance services
- Non-emergency transportation

If you are in the process of applying for Disability Medicaid and you do not have Medicare, you may be eligible for Adult Expansion Medicaid while you wait for a decision about your disability. The income and household size are calculated differently (following tax filing rules) although, you do not have to file taxes to be eligible.

When you apply for Disability Medicaid as an adult, DWS will decide if you can receive Adult Expansion Medicaid. If you are eligible, you will have coverage while waiting for a disability decision.

How do I apply?

Apply online: medicaid.utah.gov

Call for an application or with questions: 1-866-435-7414

Apply by mail or in person at a DWS office. Contact DWS: 1-866-435-7414

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Equal Opportunity Employer/Program Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities by calling (801) 526-9240.

Individual with speech and/or hearing impairments may call Relay Utah by dialing 711.

Spanish Relay Utah: 1-888-346-3162