

Medically Complex Children's Waiver

Application and program details

frequently asked questions for parents and families

How do I apply for the program?

Applications for the Medically Complex Children's Waiver (the program) will be accepted on an on-going basis. The application can be found online at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/mccw/>. It can be submitted online, via fax, or mail.

How many children will be enrolled in the program?

There is funding for approximately 900 children, but this number will fluctuate. If the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of available program openings, the state will prioritize entrance into the program based on the highest medical complexity and critical needs of the family. The remaining applicants will be placed on a waitlist.

What services will be available in the program?

Children enrolled in this program will have access to respite services, as well as traditional Medicaid services. MCCW program participants will receive services through Fee for Service Medicaid rather than through Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs).

Is financial eligibility for the program based on parental or family income?

No, eligibility for the program is based ONLY on the child's income and assets.

What if we've applied for Medicaid coverage before and have been denied?

It doesn't matter if your child has been denied Medicaid before, your child may still be eligible for the MCCW program. The financial eligibility requirements for this program are different from typical Medicaid requirements. For this program, ONLY the child's income and assets will be used to determine eligibility.

What are the other eligibility requirements?

To be eligible for the program, the child must meet all of the following requirements:

- Age 0 through 18 years old.
- Have 3 or more separate specialty physicians (MD or DO) in addition to their primary care provider and seen within the last 24 months. (Example: Neurologist, cardiologist, pulmonologist, etc. Multiple providers with the same specialty will count as one specialty. Pediatricians and nurse practitioners do not count as specialists.)

- Have 3 or more organ systems involved in their disability.
- Are not meeting age-appropriate milestones for their activities of daily living. This includes eating, toileting, dressing, bathing and mobility.
- Demonstrate a level of medical complexity based on a combination of need for device- based supports, high utilization of medical therapies and treatments, and frequent need for medical intervention.
- Have a level of disability determined by the State Medical Review Board.

What does it mean to have a determination of disability by the State Medical Review Board?

The MCCW program requires children to have a certain level of disability to qualify for the program. The level of disability must be determined by the State Medical Review Board. As part of the Medicaid eligibility determination process, the state will work with families to arrange to have a disability determination completed through the State Medical Review Board. Some families may have already worked with the Social Security Administration to obtain an SSI disability determination. This determination may be used as part of the Medicaid eligibility determination.

My child already has health insurance coverage. Can my child still qualify for the program?

Yes, the program is intended to assist with covering the substantial medical costs associated with caring for a child with disabilities and complex medical conditions, whether the child currently has other medical insurance coverage or not.

What is required to apply to MCCW?

- A completed application that is dated and signed by the parent / guardian. Applications can be submitted online, via fax, or mail.
- Most recent clinical notes signed by a licensed doctor (MD or DO).
- A completed authorization to disclose form, listing the providers you give permission for MCCW to contact for additional clinical notes. Please list them on the line for person / organization disclosing information.
- If the child has an IEP/IFSP, please submit it with the application.

Who will be invited to MCCW?

The child must meet all the following requirements:

- Children under the age of 18.
- Children who have 3 or more separate specialty physicians (MD or DO), in addition to their primary care provider and seen within the last 24 months. (Example: Neurologist, Cardiologist, Pulmonologist, etc. Multiple providers with the same

specialty will count as one specialty. Pediatricians and nurse practitioners do not count as specialists.)

- Children who have 3 or more organ systems involved in their disability.
- Children who meet the minimum nursing facility level score. This score is based on the child not meeting age-appropriate milestones for their activities of daily living, including eating, toileting, dressing, bathing, and mobility.
- Children who meet the minimum medical score, which is based on the selections that are marked on the application. All selections must be verified with clinic notes. If a selection is not able to be verified in the clinic notes, your child will not receive points for that selection. Demonstrate a level of medical complexity based on a combination of need for device-based supports, high utilization of medical therapies, and treatments and frequent need for medical intervention.

Why was my child placed on the waiting list?

When the program is at capacity, applicants who meet all criteria listed above will be placed on the waiting list. As spots become available, applicants will be enrolled based on the highest confirmed acuity score, using application date to separate individuals with similar acuity.

What if I have additional questions?

For more information, please contact the Utah Department of Health and Human Services.

Email: mccw@utah.gov

Website: <https://medicaid.utah.gov/ltc-2/mccw/>

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