

Medical Assistance (also referred to as MA and Medicaid) related resources and information.

Need help applying for MA?

~ Reach PA Health Access
Network/PHAN Call or
text 1-877-570-3642,
email

[helpline@pahealthaccess
.org](mailto:helpline@pahealthaccess.org) or complete the
form at
[https://pahealthaccess.o
rg/](https://pahealthaccess.org/) then click "Get help"

~ YMCA of Greater
Pittsburgh Hope for All
[www.pittsburghymca.org
/hopeforall](http://www.pittsburghymca.org/hopeforall) for locations.
Or call your local YMCA.

~ Allegheny County
Library Association
(ACLA) Community
Support Services
provides barrier-free, in-
person assistance where
people need it most, in
their own
neighborhoods.
[https://aclalibraries.org/
about-acla/shared-
services/community-
support-services/](https://aclalibraries.org/about-acla/shared-services/community-support-services/) . Or call
your local Allegheny
County Library.

Medicaid Eligibility PA Health Law Project offers an article that begins with "Pennsylvania's Medicaid program, also known as "Medical Assistance", provides comprehensive health care coverage for vulnerable populations and people with limited incomes. Historically, Medicaid was only available to narrow groups, such as low-income children and adults with disabilities. But in 2015, Pennsylvania adopted Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Now, children and adults can qualify for coverage based solely on having limited income. Medicaid's broad coverage ensures access to care so people of all ages and abilities can live healthy and full lives.

People must apply for Medicaid coverage and renew their benefits each year. Even though there are a number of ways to qualify for Medicaid coverage, people do not have to apply for a specific category or program."

www.phlp.org/en/issues/medicaid-eligibility

2024 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines Announced
article and **2024 Income and Resource Limits for Medicaid
and Other Health Programs** document

[www.phlp.org/en/news/2024-federal-poverty-income-
guidelines-announced](http://www.phlp.org/en/news/2024-federal-poverty-income-guidelines-announced)

**Applying for Medicaid for a Child with a Disability: PH-95
Category** "You can apply for Medicaid in many ways in

Pennsylvania. The PH-95 Category is one way. The PH-95 Category is for children (under 18 years old) with disabilities, like autism. Family income does not affect PH-95 eligibility. Even if you make too much money, your child can still get Medicaid in the PH-95 category. Find helpful resources, including a one-page document titled Applying

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for Medicaid for a Child, at <https://paaautism.org/resource/medicaid-health-insurance-ph95/>

[Enhanced Member Supports Units \(formerly Special Needs Units\)](#)

Each individual's coordination needs and challenges are unique, and they deserve the individualized attention necessary in order for those needs to be met. This resource provides information on the various managed care organizations and how members can successfully navigate them to receive timely and effective services. *Information and resources found on the ASERT website.*

The Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) "...benefit provides comprehensive and preventive health care services for children under age 21 who are enrolled in Medicaid. EPSDT is key to ensuring that children and adolescents receive appropriate preventive, dental, mental health, and developmental, and specialty services."

www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/early-and-periodic-screening-diagnostic-and-treatment/index.html

Medical Assistance information from the PA Department of Human Services at www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Medical-Assistance.aspx includes:

- How to apply
- Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP) <http://matp.pa.gov/>
- Medical Assistance Benefits for Workers with Disabilities
www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/MA-for-Disabled-Workers.aspx

Physical Health Managed Care Organizations (PH plans) are available for Medical Assistance (MA) consumers. Learn more at

www.dhs.pa.gov/HealthChoices/Pages/Plan-Selection-Toolkit.aspx

"Pennsylvanians who receive Medical Assistance (also known as MA or Medicaid) (and/or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, sometimes referred to as food stamps or cash benefits) can sign up to receive important alerts about these benefits from PA DHS." Learn more from PA Health Law Project at

www.phlp.org/en/news/medicaid-recipients-encouraged-to-sign-up-for-text-alerts-from-dhs