

Missouri Medicaid basics

What you need to know

What is Medicaid?

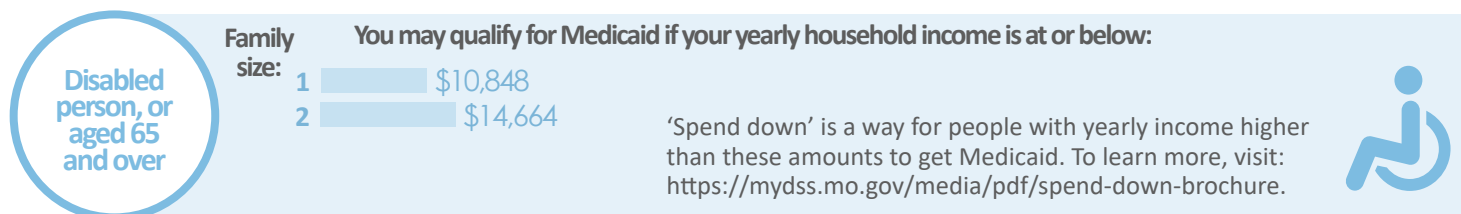
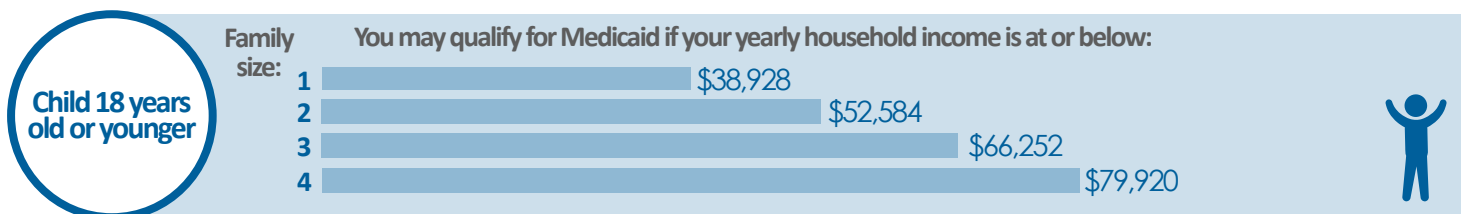
Medicaid is a government program that provides public health coverage to low-income adults and children who qualify. In Missouri, Medicaid is run by the Department of Social Services (DSS) and is called MO HealthNet.

Who can be covered?

Most Missourians who get MO HealthNet coverage are low-income people who are 65 or older, blind or disabled, or low-income children and their parents, guardians or caretakers.

Use this chart to see if you might qualify:

1. Find the circle below that describes the person/s who need coverage.
2. To the right, under “Family size,” find the total number of people who live in your household.
3. The bar next to your family size shows the income to qualify. If your yearly household income is at or below that amount, the person/s who need coverage might qualify.



Note: Income for the Parent section is based on the July 1996 Aid for Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) payment standard. Income for all other sections is based on the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Incomes shown for children, parents and pregnant women include a 5% disregard, meaning they are still eligible even if their income is 5% higher than the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

What kinds of health care does MO HealthNet pay for?



Inpatient hospital services

Care when you stay overnight in a hospital or other health care facility, such as surgery or a serious medical condition



Pharmacy services

Medicines prescribed by your doctor



Outpatient services

Care when you don't have to stay over-night in a hospital, rural health clinic or other health care facility, such as doctor visits or services for mental health, lab tests and x-rays



Screening, prevention, and treatment for children

Full health screenings such as vaccines, check-ups and lead screenings, follow-up treatment and checks on hearing, vision and dental health



Nursing care, home care, and equipment

Nursing facility services, home care and medical equipment such as canes, wheelchairs and hearing aids



Family care services

Care by nurse-midwives, certified family nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners and family planning services and supplies

Some people who qualify are also covered for one or more of these: dental and vision care, rehabilitation and non-emergency medical transportation.

Do people covered by MO HealthNet pay for their coverage or health care?

It depends on the MO HealthNet coverage you qualify for. Some people pay for their coverage with a monthly premium based on their income. Some people pay a copay, or fee, whenever they get a health care service. If you qualify for coverage, the Department of Social Services will send information to you on any costs and the health care providers you can go to.

Starting in July 2021, more Missouri adults will qualify for MO HealthNet

Missourians voted to expand Medicaid to more people. More adults, including parents, will qualify for the program as of July 1, 2021. This means more people can enroll in MO HealthNet.

How can I apply for myself or other family members?

- Online: Visit mydss.mo.gov/healthcare
- By phone: Call the Missouri Family Support Division (FSD) Information Center at **1-855-373-4636**
- In person: Some FSD Resource Centers are closed for safety reasons during the COVID-19 pandemic. To find a location that is open, go to dss.mo.gov/dss_map.

Learn more

- MO HealthNet: mydss.mo.gov
- Medicaid: medicaid.gov

