

## What if I'm not eligible for Presumptive Medicaid?

You may still file an application with DHS for Medicaid.

## How do I file an application with DHS for Medicaid?

Fill out form 470-2927, *Health Services Application*, and return it to us. You can get this form from:

- Your local DHS office, or
- Our website at [http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual\\_Documents/Forms/470-2927.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/policyanalysis/PolicyManualPages/Manual_Documents/Forms/470-2927.pdf), or
- Ask your qualified provider to send your application to DHS.

## How long will it take to process my application?

DHS has up to 45 days to process Medicaid applications. The process will go faster if you give the information we ask for right away. Some of the information you may be asked to show us is:

- Proof of family income (like pay stubs, employer's statement, tax returns, etc.)
- Proof of your family's resources (like bank accounts, stocks, bonds, CDs, etc.)
- Proof of your U.S. citizenship
- Proof of your identity

## When will Medicaid start if DHS approves my application?

Medicaid begins the first day of the month in which you turned in your application, if you are eligible. You may also ask for Medicaid for the three months before the month you applied. This is called the retroactive period. Your DHS worker will decide if you are eligible for the retroactive period.

## Statement on Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of the Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide equal treatment when providing services to applicants, employees, and clients without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political belief or veteran status.

If you feel DHS has discriminated against or harassed you, you can send a letter of complaint to:

Iowa Department of Human Services,  
Administrator, Diversity Program Unit, 1305 E  
Walnut Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0114;  
phone **(800) 972-2017**; fax  
**(515) 281-4243**

# Presumptive Medicaid Eligibility for Pregnant Women



## What is Presumptive Medicaid for pregnant women?

Because early prenatal care is so important, Presumptive Medicaid is a program that gives pregnant women Medicaid coverage even before they apply for Medicaid with the Department of Human Services (DHS). If you are pregnant, you can get limited Medicaid coverage while you wait for DHS to process your Medicaid application.

**Important: You should fill out a Medicaid application with DHS as soon as possible.**

## What services are covered under the Presumptive Medicaid for pregnant women program?

Because it is important that you are healthy during your pregnancy, you will be able to get almost all services that are covered under the regular Medicaid program. These include prescription drugs, dental and vision care.

The following services will not be covered until your Medicaid application with DHS has been approved:

- Inpatient hospital care
- Delivery of the baby
- Miscarriage or termination of the pregnancy

## What do I need to do to get Presumptive Medicaid?

You will need to fill out a short application. The application will ask about the people you live with and your family's income. Staff at a maternal and child health center can help you. Call the Healthy Families line at **1-800-369-2229** or your local DHS office to find the nearest maternal and child health center.

## How long can I get Presumptive Medicaid?

Presumptive Medicaid usually lasts from the date you are approved until the end of the next month. However, your eligibility can end at any time without notice. This could happen if your pregnancy ends.

## What if my baby is born during the presumptive period?

During the presumptive period, you are eligible for Medicaid coverage for prenatal care only. Hospital and delivery costs are not covered unless you filled out a Medicaid application with DHS and are eligible for Medicaid.

If you have not filled out an application for Medicaid with DHS, you should do so now.

## How many times can I get Presumptive Medicaid?

You can get Presumptive Medicaid only once per pregnancy.

## What will I have to pay for?

You will have to pay for the medical costs not covered by Medicaid.

## If I get Presumptive Medicaid, can I automatically get Medicaid with DHS?

No. Your qualified provider decides if you can get Presumptive Medicaid coverage. DHS decides if you get full Medicaid coverage.

## Can I go to any medical provider while I am on Presumptive Medicaid?

You may go to any medical provider who takes Iowa Medicaid. You need to ask if they accept Medicaid before you get services. If your medical provider does not accept Iowa Medicaid, you will have to pay for the medical services you get from that provider.

## Will I get a Medicaid card if I get Presumptive Medicaid?

No. You will get a notice telling you that you can get Presumptive Medicaid. You **must** show your notice to your medical provider before you get services.

If DHS approves your Medicaid application, you will get a Medicaid card.