



Your Child May be Eligible for Medical Assistance Benefits

Your child may be eligible for Medical Assistance if he/she has a developmental delay, specific diagnosis, and/or a diagnosed medical condition.

Medical Assistance provides the broadest coverage of medical and mental health services for children of any insurance plan. Medical Assistance can be a child's only insurance or it can be a secondary to other coverage, covering those services or equipment not covered by the child's primary insurance. Even if the family has private insurance, Medical Assistance will cover the deductibles and co-pays that can accumulate quickly for children with special needs. Medical Assistance does not have a lifetime cap on benefits and it does not exclude pre-existing conditions.

Even though you (the parent or caregiver) may not be eligible for Medicaid or Medical Assistance based on the family's level of income, your child may still be eligible. In Pennsylvania, eligibility for Medical Assistance is based on the child's disability and/or the child's income level.

If your child's income exceeds the allowable limit, monthly medical expenses may be deducted from this amount in order to bring the child's income within allowable limits to qualify for Medical Assistance.

Some of the services covered under the Medical Assistance Program include:

- Inpatient and outpatient hospital and clinical care, including care by physicians, chiropractors, optometrists, podiatrists, dentists, and home-care nurses
- Certain formulas and nutritional supplements
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Prescribed medications
- Diapers for children over the age of three who have a diagnosis of developmental delay
- Behavioral health services

This is not an exhaustive list of possible services and benefits of being enrolled in Medical Assistance.

Application for Medical Assistance must be made to your County Assistance Office (CAO). Your child's eligibility determination will be based on the information that you provide to the County Assistance Office.

For information about how to apply for Medical Assistance, contact Susan Vandervort, Service Coordinator for Family Services/DART Program, at 412-394-5961.