



# Wyoming State Family and Children's Programs



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# Providing Vital Health Care Access

**Medicaid** is an important access point for families who traditionally received services from public programs and more recently for families who only need access to medical coverage.



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Medicaid currently covers over 89,000 Wyoming residents in more than 50 different eligibility groups during a year.

Medicaid is a joint federal and state government program that pays for medical care.

Medicaid is funded by federal and state dollars (50%/50%) for most programs.

# Legal Authority



WDH also  
conducts eligibility determinations  
and case maintenance for individuals  
throughout the state through the use of  
a Customer Service Center.

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For the purposes of today's discussion, we will focus on the eligibility process for the Medicaid Family and Children's Programs.

# The Customers

Who are they?

## *Family and Children's Programs*



Newborns



Child MAGI 6 – 18



Family MAGI



Pregnant Women



Child MAGI 0 - 5



Foster Care





# Categories of Eligibility *for* Family & Children's Programs

## **Children**

**Newborn – Baby born to a Medicaid eligible mother until age one**

**Child MAGI– Children 0 through 5 with family income at or below 154% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Children 6 through 18 with family income at or below 133% of the FPL.**

**Foster Care – Children in DFS custody including some who enter subsidized adoption or who age out of foster care**

## **Pregnant Women**

**Income at or below 154% FPL**

## **Family MAGI**

**Adult(s) caring for a child under the age of 18 with income at or below approximately 55% of the FPL**



# Eligibility Requirements



Eligibility determination is dependent upon family size, income, tax filer status and family relationships.

# Eligibility Details



Eligibility for Medicaid begins on the first day of the month of application when a person is found eligible.

A person may qualify for up to three months of retroactive coverage if they are found eligible.

Once found eligible, a child receives 12 continuous months of Medicaid coverage.

# What Income Counts?

- Total tax filer household income and the size of the household are used to determine income eligibility for a program. The income of some household members may not be included if they are not related to or financially responsible for the child or pregnant woman. Some types of income are not counted.
- A five percent of the Federal Poverty Level disregard is given if the 5% would make difference in the eligibility determination.

# How are families notified?

**Eligibility is determined within 45 days.**

**Written notices are sent and may include retroactive coverage for up to 90 days.**

**Families then receive a Medicaid card in the mail.**

Wyoming Department of Health  
Public Health Insurance Program



Pharmacy  
Group  
6530

HEALTH CARE RECIPIENT

0600 123 456

# Current Eligibility System

**The Current Eligibility System is called  
WES (Wyoming Eligibility System)**

Medicaid eligibility determinations are made by the system  
which contains the Medicaid rules.

# Interface with Claims Processing

An electronic interface is transmitted from WES to MMIS (Fiscal system) on a daily basis. Conduent is the fiscal agent contracted to process claims for Medicaid.





# Who can Apply for Medicaid?

Anyone Can apply for the child

(Parents, Grandparents, Legal Guardians, etc. depending upon where the child resides)

Eligibility is based on family size and income. The income of some household members may not be considered if they are not related to or financially responsible for a child.



# How does the customer apply?

Complete an application online at [www.wesystem.wyo.gov](http://www.wesystem.wyo.gov)

Mail or drop off completed application to/at WDH Customer Service Center

2232 Dell Range Blvd., Suite 300  
Cheyenne, WY 82009

Print an application off of the websites at:

<http://health.wyo.gov/healthcarefin/apply/>

Call the WDH Customer Service Center at:

1-855-294-2127

Email scanned applications to [wesapplications@wyo.gov](mailto:wesapplications@wyo.gov)

Fax applications to 1-855-329-5205



# Application Requirements

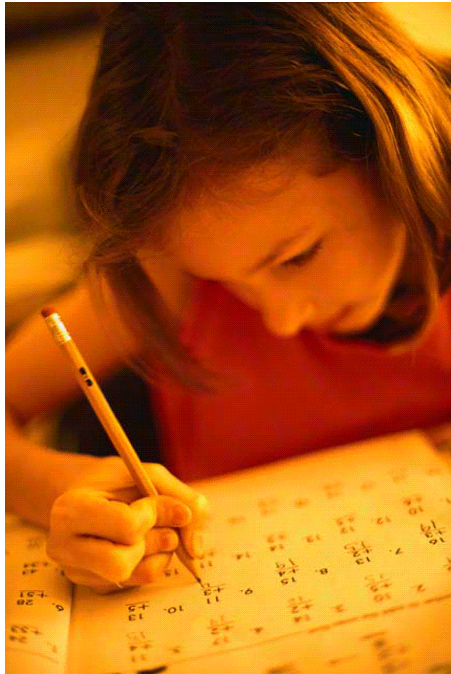
## *Medicaid verifies eligibility factors*

- The application collects information on household members, income and insurance.
- Electronic sources can verify some information on the application.
- Families are required to submit verifications for any factors that cannot be verified electronically.

## *Citizenship and identity*

- If eligibility staff are unable to verify these through interfaces, families will be required to provide verification such as birth certificates, Tribal ID's or Certificates of Indian Blood.

# How long is someone eligible?



12 months

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*After 12 months, a review  
is completed and eligibility  
is re-determined*

This policy is intended to prevent eligible individuals from moving on and off the program (churning), thus reducing administrative costs and improving the likelihood of individuals finding a medical home with continuity of care. Adults can be discontinued before the twelve continuous months if changes in income make them no longer eligible.

# THANK YOU...

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