



PENNSYLVANIA MEDICAID FACTS

Who is covered in Pennsylvania's Medicaid Program?

ELIGIBILITY GROUPS

FFS¹⁻³

MCO^{4,5}

Undocumented Immigrants⁺



Children (0-18 years)

Incarcerated^{**}



Current & Former Foster Care Children



Parents and other Caretaker Relatives



Pregnant Women



Aged, Blind, and Disabled Adults



Disabled Children



Qualified Non-Citizens^{*}



Dual Eligibles



Newly Eligible Adults



Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities



American Indians/Alaskan Natives

* Qualified non-citizens are subject to a 5-year waiting requirement, except for children up to 19 years of age.

** Inpatient hospital services only.

+ Emergency Medicaid services only.

Important News

August 2016 - Pennsylvania agrees to begin Community HealthChoices managed care with three managed care organizations (AmeriHealth Caritas, Pennsylvania Health and Wellness, and UPMC for You). HealthChoices combines physical health with long-term services and supports (LTSS) for dual eligibles.⁶

January 2017 - Pennsylvania decides to try a new payment model using money from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for rural hospitals. Previously, the hospitals were being reimbursed per service, a system that was putting most rural facilities into debt, as they had an insufficient number of patients. Now the hospitals will be paid a capitated amount per month.⁷

January 2017 - Pennsylvania's General Assembly debates changes to the state's Medicaid program. One proposed change would be work requirements for able-bodied adults, "locking in" enrollees in their managed care organizations, and requiring families with a disabled child whose income is at or above 1,000% of the federal poverty level (FPL) to pay a premium.⁸



Medicaid Medical Director's Network

Pennsylvania launched the implementation of an integrated care program focused on individuals with persistent serious mental illnesses.

Pennsylvania implemented 45 centers of excellence focused on treatment of those with opioid use disorder.

Pennsylvania implemented a statewide hospital pay-for-performance program focused on preventable admissions.



How has Pennsylvania's Medicaid program engaged in Managed Care?

SECTION 1115 WAIVERS¹⁰

Pennsylvania Medicaid Coverage for Former Foster Care Youth from a Different State waiver was created to continue coverage for former foster youth from other states up to age 26 and up to 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL). The waiver was approved on 09/29/2017. An amendment was submitted on 03/28/2018 to expand SUD treatment resources and is pending approval, as of June 2018.



Status: Pending approval

Do Medicaid health plans provide coverage?⁹



YES



NO

- AmeriHealth Caritas Pennsylvania
- AmeriHealth Northeast
- Gateway Health
- Geisinger Health Plan
- Health Partners Plans
- UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Pennsylvania
- Keystone First
- UPMC for You, Inc.
- Aetna Better Health





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How is Pennsylvania meeting the needs of Medicaid enrollees?

Value-Based Healthcare Initiatives

Pennsylvania's **patient-centered medical home** (PCMH) is a team-based model of care led by a personal, primary care physician who provides continuous and coordinated care throughout a patient's life. The goals of the program include:¹¹

- Treating the whole patient
- Quality and safety
- Fostering patient-physician relationships
- Coordinated care
- Reducing health disparities

Pennsylvania has 10 hospital/physician **Accountable Care Organizations** (ACOs) across the state. The 10 ACOs include: Keystone ACO, Renaissance Health Network, Abington Health, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Penn Medicine, WellSpan Health, Accountable Care Organization of PA, Humana's Accountable Care Continuum, and the latest addition, Penn State Health Care Partners.¹² The objective of these ACOs is to promote coordinated care in order to ensure that patients, especially the chronically ill, get the right care at the right time.¹³

Beginning in 2017, Pennsylvania began developing the specific strategies for episode-based payments and deployment. The state's goals include:¹⁴

- Adopting a common approach for episode-based performance measurement.
- Encouraging the use of episode-based reporting to influence referrals for elective care.
- Identifying select regions and/or clinical episodes where payers may shift to episode-based payments.
- Developing an episode-based payment charter and roadmap to implementation.



Women's Health

Pennsylvania's state Medicaid program covers eligible pregnant women up to 220% of the federal poverty level (FPL), from confirmation of the pregnancy by a clinician through 60 days postpartum.¹⁶ Services include:

- Full medical coverage
- Prenatal care
- Early detection and treatment of health problems

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Program (BCCPT) offers full health benefits to women who have breast or cervical cancer, or a pre-cancerous condition of the breast or cervix. Services include those related and unrelated to the condition.¹⁷ The HealthyWomen Program aids women ages 40-64 to receive early detection tests.

Women can also obtain information on how to register with the BCCPT Program. HealthyWomen provides the following services free:¹⁷

- Mammograms
- Clinical breast and pelvic exams
- Pap tests



Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

Medicaid enrollees in the state of Pennsylvania are automatically enrolled in their local **HealthChoices behavioral health program**.¹⁸ Behavioral Health MCOs are required to provide access to diagnostic, assessment, referral, and treatment services. Other services include:¹⁸

- Case management
- Home visits
- Covered drug therapies are determined county-by-county. These are the prescriptions covered in most counties: methadone, naloxone, naltrexone, and disulfiram.¹⁹
- 24-hour phone accessibility
- Laboratory services
- Inpatient and outpatient hospital services

Family Planning¹⁵

Pennsylvania's family planning state amendment covers men and non-pregnant women who are otherwise not covered by Medicaid with incomes up to 220% of the federal poverty level (FPL). Covered family planning services include:

- Office visits to family planning health care providers for evaluation, follow-up, and referral to other health care providers as necessary
 - A typical family planning office visit for women may include a pelvic exam; screenings for breast and reproductive cancers; screening for high blood pressure, anemia, and diabetes; tests for sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV; counseling about a woman's plans for pregnancy; and, if appropriate, a prescription for contraception
- A typical family planning office visit for men may include testing and treatment for STDs and condoms for prevention, HIV testing and prevention education, testicular exams and education about testicular cancer, and information on safe and effective contraception
- Counseling from health care providers regarding pregnancy to prepare for pregnancy, to prevent unintended pregnancies, and to enable individuals to control the timing and spacing of pregnancies
- Initiation and management of contraception, including male and female sterilization
- Birth control supplies and medications
- Prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) with vaccine and condoms
- Treatment of STDs through medications and/or procedures
- Laboratory services for the screening of STDs, HIV (the virus that causes AIDS), anemia, sickle cell disease, and pregnancy
- Screening and education regarding breast, reproductive, and testicular cancer
- Counseling regarding smoking cessation



Oral Health²⁰

Pennsylvania's Medicaid state program, the Medical Assistance Program, covers all medically necessary dental services for its beneficiaries under 21 years of age. Enrollees older than 21 are eligible for limited services, including diagnostic and preventive services once every 180 days. Enrollees can use an approved benefit limit exception if they require more than the minimum services. Individuals in nursing, ICF-MR, or ICF/ORC facilities are eligible for the same services as eligible adults. Services include:

- Exams
- X-rays
- Preventative services
- Restorations (amalgam and composite)
- Extractions
- Other oral surgeries
- Complete and partial dentures (once per lifetime)
- Palliative treatment





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Timeline

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