

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Department of Health Care Finance**



## Uninsured DC Residents Can Apply for Free Health Insurance

*District Offers Free Coverage through Medicaid, DC Healthcare Alliance, or Immigrant Children's Program – Help for Residents Affected by COVID-19*

### District Offers 3 Public Health Coverage Programs

The District offers three public health coverage programs:

- Medicaid;
- DC Healthcare Alliance (Alliance); and
- Immigrant Children's Program (ICP)

Medicaid is available to low-income District residents that are U.S. citizens or qualified immigrants and meet other financial and non-financial eligibility requirements. The Alliance and ICP are available to low-income District residents who are ineligible for Medicaid, regardless of citizenship status. District residents who experience a loss of income as a result of the COVID-19 health emergency should consider applying for these programs for assistance during and beyond the emergency period.

### You May Qualify Based on Income

For most individuals applying for Medicaid, whether District residents are eligible depends on whether they meet income standards. Income tests for most single adults, parents/caretaker relatives, pregnant women and children are based the family's income and household size in the **current calendar month**. The income limit rises as household size increases. Examples of households are provided below. For more information or other household sizes, click on these links for: [Medicaid](#), [Alliance](#), and [ICP](#).

Eligibility Category	Program	Income Limit
Childless Adults	Medicaid	215% federal poverty level (FPL) – up to \$2,286.17/month (individual) or \$3,088 (couple)
	Alliance	200% FPL – up to \$2,126.66/month (individual) or \$2,873 (couple)
Children (0-18) and Pregnant Women	Medicaid	324% FPL – up to \$5,864.40/month (household of 3)
	Alliance	200% FPL – up to \$3,620/month (household of 3); Asset limit: \$4,000 (individual) or \$6,000 (couple)
	ICP	200% FPL – up to \$3,620/month (household of 3)
Parent/Caretaker Relatives	Medicaid	221% FPL- up to \$4,000.10/month (household of 3)
	Alliance	200% FPL – up to \$3,620/month (household of 3); Asset limit: \$4,000 (individual) or \$6,000 (couple)

### What Benefits Are Available?

The District's public health insurance programs include, at a minimum:

- Doctor Visits
- Hospitalization
- Medically necessary transportation
- Durable medical equipment
- Emergency ambulance services
- Hospice services
- Laboratory services
- Medical supplies
- Physician services
- Nurse Practitioner services
- More

### Signing up for Coverage:

**Online:** Visit [www.DCHealthLink.com](http://www.DCHealthLink.com)

**By Phone:** Call the DC Health Link Customer Service at 1-855-532-5465

**By Mail:** Submit a completed application downloaded at [www.DCHealthlink.com](http://www.DCHealthlink.com) to:  
 Department of Human Services  
 Economic Security Administration  
 Case Record Management Unit  
 P.O. Box 91560  
 Washington, DC 20090

**By Fax:** Submit a completed application to 202-671-4400

For those who have recently lost work, some income from unemployment insurance is counted as income for the purposes of Medicaid. However, the [Economic Impact Payment](#) (also known as a stimulus check) and [Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation](#) (\$600 special unemployment insurance payment) *will not count as income for determining Medicaid eligibility for most adults.*

## **You May Qualify Through Other Criteria**

U.S. citizens and qualified immigrants who are 65 or older, disabled, or have special health conditions that require long-term services and supports may qualify for District Medicaid through standards other than income. Medicaid may be able to offer general health services, assistance with Medicare premiums, access to long term care services and supports, and other supports, depending on your eligibility. If you think you may qualify this way, please fill out and print the forms at [https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/publication/Medicaid\\_application\\_combined.pdf](https://dhcf.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/dhcf/publication/Medicaid_application_combined.pdf) and submit forms by mail or fax.

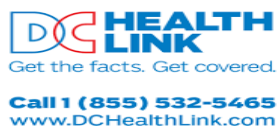
**Aged:** If you are 65 years old or older, you may qualify for Medicaid.

**Disability, Long-Term Care, Medical Expenses, and Foster Care:** You may qualify for Medicaid if you are blind, disabled, in DC's foster care program, need long term care services and supports, or have high medical bills.

**Health Conditions:** You may qualify for Medicaid if you are a child with complex medical needs or have certain health conditions such as breast or cervical cancer, end stage renal disease (ESRD), or have high medical expenses.

## **Medicaid Extension for Those Already Enrolled**

If you were enrolled in Medicaid on March 1, 2020, eligibility will automatically be extended during the District's Public Health Emergency, plus an additional 60 days.



**Call the DHS Call Center:**  
**Main Line: 202-727-5355**  
**Web Portal: <https://dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov/>**

## **Applying for Other District Benefits**

*Residents may also be eligible for assistance through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Supplemental Nutritional Access Program (SNAP). Applications can be submitted:*

**Online:** DHS web portal at <https://dcbenefits.dhs.dc.gov/>

**In-Person:** [Download the PDF\\*](#), complete, sign, and return to an open [DHS Service Center](#) (applications can also be picked-up at an open DHS Service Center).

**By Mail:** [Download the PDF\\*](#), complete, sign, and send to:

Department of Human Services  
Economic Security Administration  
Case Record Management Unit  
P.O. Box 91560  
Washington, DC 20090

\*The DHS Call Center at (202)-727-5355, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m., can also mail you an application.

