Medicaid Overview

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How to apply for Medicaid

- Go to your local Jobs & Family Services office. To find your local office visit: http://cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us/en-US/home.aspx
- If you have an assigned support administrator through CCBDD we can assist you with the process
- Apply online: www.benefits.ohio.gov
How is Medicaid eligibility determined?
Community Medicaid

- Effective August 2016 any individual approved for SSI is automatically Medicaid eligible
  - Must receive at least $1/month in SSI to be Medicaid eligible
- If an individual is not a recipient of SSI benefits, their Medicaid eligibility is based on income and the number of people listed on a tax return
Long Term Care

- Long term care includes waiver recipients and individuals residing in a nursing home.

- All income (both earned and unearned) as well as any resource in the applicant’s name must be reviewed to determine eligibility.

- CJFS can review resources 5 years back from the application date if they deem necessary.

- Resources include – Bank accounts, STABLE accounts, Trusts, Stocks, Bonds, Life Insurance policies.
Community Medicaid examples

- Megan is a 19 year old who has no income at this time and her parents claim her on their tax return.
  
  CJFS would review both parent’s income when determining Megan’s eligibility.

- Mike is an 18 year old receiving $750/month in SSI.
  He would qualify for Medicaid as long as he maintains his SSI eligibility.
If your child is graduating high school and has not been identified as needing a waiver at this time, it is best to apply for SSI prior to Medicaid.

If your child does not have private insurance you can apply for community Medicaid at any time.

If benefits are denied or you disagree with any decision made by CJFS you can request a hearing by calling 1-866-635-3748.
The current Medicaid resource limit is $2,000. Increased in 2016 to match the SSI resource limit.

Stands for Medicaid Buy in for Workers with Disabilities.

Program for disabled individuals who are working between the ages of 16-65. Working = full time, part time, or a daily stipend.

Current MBIWD resource limit for 2018 is $11,901.
How to apply for Food Assistance

- Complete a JFS 7200 application
- Complete intake appointment
  - Phone interview unless otherwise requested
- Verify income and shelter costs

*An individual who lives with their parent(s) can apply for food assistance on their own once they turn 22 years old*
Maintaining your benefits

Medicaid
- All Medicaid recipients are required to complete a redetermination once a year
- Can be completed via mail or online (no phone interview is required)

Food Assistance
- CJFS requires individuals receiving food assistance to complete a redetermination once a year
- A phone interview is required to maintain these benefits
Change reporting

- Any change must be reported to Cuyahoga Jobs & Family Services within 10 days of the change

Changes include:
- Change of address
- Change in income
- Start/stop working
- Receipt of Medicare benefits
Authorized Rep vs. Rep Payee

- An authorized representative is for Medicaid and food assistance only
- To become an authorized rep a 6723 form must be completed by the client or guardian (if applicable)
- Allows CJFS staff to discuss case with designated party without violating HIPAA laws

- Representative Payee is for Social Security benefits only
- To become a payee you must contact Social Security
Any questions??