



# 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](http://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**



# Medicaid Resources



## Standard

- The current Medicaid resource limit is \$2,000

Increased in 2016 to match the SSI resource limit

## MBIWD

- 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??

