To access waiver services and supports, you must apply for Medicaid and meet both the financial and disability requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Medicaid.

There are multiple ways to apply for Medicaid. Below are 2 options. Both paths lead to your local Community Centered Board (CCB) or Single Entry Point (SEP) to complete the Level of Care assessment, which is one part of LTC Medicaid eligibility.

### Ways to Apply for Health First Colorado Medicaid (referred to as “Medicaid”)

- Online at [Colorado PEAK](https://www.colorado.gov.gov/healthfirst)
- In-person at your local county Department of Human Services (DHS) office or at an application assistance site
- By phone at 1-800-221-3943
- By mail

For more details, visit: [www.colorado.gov/hcpf/how-to-apply](http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/how-to-apply)

### Application Options

**MEDICAID**

- recommended for quicker access to waiver services

- Complete applications for Medicaid & Medicaid Disability

- County DHS office confirms Financial & Level of Care Eligibility meet LTC Medicaid requirements.

**SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

- Apply and approval for:
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) provides automatic access to Medicaid.
  - Other Social Security benefits (SSDI) may require additional applications to access Medicaid.

- CCB completes Level of Care (LOC) Assessment for enrollment into Medicaid waiver service program and sends to County DHS office for LTC Medicaid approval.

- County DHS office confirms Financial & Level of Care Eligibility meet LTC Medicaid requirements.

**Already receiving Social Security benefits?**

- Contact your local Dept. of Human Services office or Medicaid Application Assistance Site to ask what Medicaid apps may be needed to obtain LTC Medicaid.

**LTC Medicaid Approval**

- Begin Enrollment into Waiver Services/Supports Program
**ELIGIBILITY:** To continue to receive Medicaid waiver services and supports, you must meet the financial and eligibility requirements of Long-Term Care (LTC) Medicaid and the targeting criteria for the LTC Medicaid waiver you are enrolled in.

### ASSETS / INCOME
- Income must be less than 3x the current Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) limit per month
- $2000 total assets/resources for a single person; $3000 for couples
- Income and assets/resource limits may vary for working adults, depending on which waiver they are on
- The limit does not include assets sheltered in an approved trust and/or ABLE account

### MEDICAID MAIL
- Keeping up with all of your Medicaid mail is very important
- Contact your local Department of Human Services (DHS) office with questions about Medicaid mail
- Request to speak with an LTC Medicaid eligibility specialist

### DISABILITY DETERMINATION
- Must be determined to meet the Federal Social Security Administration’s definition of disability (must maintain Social Security benefits if receiving)
- Disability can be determined by the Social Security Administration or by completing a Medicaid Disability application (through Medicaid and ARG)
- Disability redeterminations are requested every several years and as needed

### ANNUAL MEDICAID REDETERMINATION (RRR)
- Receive packet by mail and/or on PEAK account
- Complete and submit on or before the due date
- Submit current financial statements for all assets/resources and income

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
- Access Medical Enrollment Services (AMES) | [www.accessenrollment.org](http://www.accessenrollment.org)
- Colorado PEAK | [www.coloradopeak.secure.force.com](http://www.coloradopeak.secure.force.com)
- Department of Human Services | [www.colorado.gov/cdhs/contact-your-county](http://www.colorado.gov/cdhs/contact-your-county)
- Health First Colorado Medicaid | [www.healthfirstcolorado.com](http://www.healthfirstcolorado.com)
- Social Security Administration | [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)