

Applying for LTC Medicaid



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 Case Management Agency (CMA) to complete the Level of Care assessment, which is part of LTC Medicaid eligibility.

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Ways to Apply for Health First Colorado Medicaid (referred to as "Medicaid")

- With an Eligibility Application Partner, like Colorado Access-AMES (Access Medical Enrollment Services) ***highly recommended**
- In-person or by phone with your local county Department of Human Services (DHS) office or at an application assistance site
- By phone at 1-800-221-3943
- By mail
- Online at [Colorado Peak](#)

For more details, visit:

<https://www.dpcolo.org/programs-services/applying-for-medicaid/> or <http://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/how-to-apply>



Note: Let Medicaid know if you are working with DP to pursue waiver services and supports.

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Application Options

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recommended for quicker access to waiver services

or

*SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

You can find guides for the Medicaid applications on DP's website!

Complete applications for Medicaid & Medicaid Disability

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.

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

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

LTC Medicaid
Approval

***This disability determination is different from the one you completed with Intake.**



***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.

**Begin Enrollment into
Waiver Services/Supports Program**

Maintaining LTC Medicaid Eligibility



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 financial, disability, and targeting criteria for the LTC Medicaid waiver you are enrolled in.



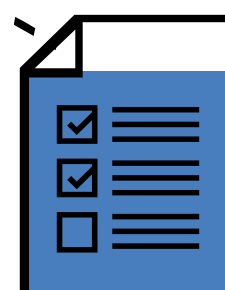
ASSETS / INCOME

- 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.
- 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/Medicaid directly 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.

Long Term Care (LTC) Medicaid

The most common way to get & maintain disability benefits is through LTC Medicaid. There are a few core components of maintaining eligibility each year, shown below. Additionally, folks can also seek disability determination through Social Security Income.



REPORT CHANGES

- Report changes to Medicaid within 10 days, such as:
 - Address, phone, and other contact information
 - Employment Changes
 - Household changes
 - Marital status
 - Financial changes
- Report directly to the local Department of Human Services (DHS) office, which holds your Medicaid, or via PEAK.



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

[Applying for and Maintaining Medicaid](#)
[Access Medical Enrollment Services \(AMES\)](#)
[Colorado PEAK](#)
[Department of Human Services](#)
[Health First Colorado Medicaid](#)
[Social Security Administration](#)
[Disability Benefits 101](#)

Check out The LTC Medicaid and SSA Guide on DP's website! It is chock full of information about Medicaid and Social Security.