

# A Simpler Plan for Your Benefit



Governor Tom Wolf and the PA Department of Human Services have a plan for improving and simplifying the health care services that so many Pennsylvanians need.

HealthChoices is the Medicaid plan that covers more uninsured Pennsylvanians than ever before, including many who could not qualify for traditional Medicaid plans.

This simpler plan has been designed with *your* needs in mind, making it easier to see a doctor when you're sick and putting fewer limits on the benefits that can keep you healthy. These include: both primary and specialty care, dental care, prescriptions, behavioral health, and family planning services.

HealthChoices is Pennsylvania's commitment to the well-being of thousands of hardworking Pennsylvanians who supply the vital services that benefit our commonwealth. This guide will show you how to apply.

## Are you Eligible?

In order to be eligible for HealthChoices coverage you must:

1. be a U.S. citizen or meet Medicaid immigration status requirements
2. have or get a Social Security number
3. be a Pennsylvania resident
4. meet certain financial requirements

The table below shows examples of the household income limits for coverage:

Persons in Household	Medicaid eligibility threshold 138% FPL*
1	\$16,243
2	\$21,984
3	\$27,725
4	\$33,465
5	\$39,206
6	\$44,947
7	\$50,688
8	\$56,429
Each Additional	\$5,741

\*"FPL" stands for "Federal Poverty Level."

Please Note: Financial requirements vary depending on the program. If you are elderly, blind, or disabled, you may have too high an income to qualify for Medicaid. In that case, you may have a spend down plan that allows you to qualify on a month-by-month basis. If you are an older adult or an individual with a disability, you may need to meet a resource requirement to qualify.



[HealthChoicesPA.com](http://HealthChoicesPA.com)



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# HealthChoices

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services

APPLY TODAY!



# 4 Easy Ways to Apply

## HOW TO APPLY

There are four ways for you to apply for HealthChoices:

### 1) ONLINE

This is the quickest way to find out if you qualify. Log on now at:

**[www.COMPASS.state.pa.us](http://www.COMPASS.state.pa.us)**

### 2) PHONE

**Call 1-866-550-4355 or  
TTY 1-877-202-3021**

### 3) MAIL

To apply by mail, visit the HealthChoices website below to print a paper application.

### 4) IN PERSON

To apply in person, visit the website to find the location of your local county assistance office.

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

### 1) APPLICATION REVIEW

We'll review your application. You may receive a letter asking for more information. If you have questions, a caseworker may be able to help you. It may take a few weeks time to process your application.

### 2) APPLICATION APPROVAL

If you meet all requirements and are approved, you'll receive a letter and an ACCESS Medicaid card that you can use right away.