

Medicaid Tips for Pregnancy, Adding Baby and Perinatal Coverage

Upon Becoming Pregnant

IF THE PREGNANT PERSON CURRENTLY HAS MEDICAID (ACA ADULT MEDICAID, HEALTHY MONTANA KIDS (HMK), HMK PLUS)

With a [Change Report Form](#), report pregnancy within 10 days of knowing or as soon as possible

- Online through the Self-Service Portal (SSP) at apply.mt.gov
- In-person at a [local Office of Public Assistance](#) (OPA)
- By calling the Public Assistance Help Line (PAHL) 1-888-706-1535

Self-attestation is accepted, no proof of pregnancy is required

IF THE PREGNANT PERSON DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE MEDICAID AND IS INCOME ELIGIBLE FOR PREGNANCY MEDICAID (162% OF FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL))

Someone with private insurance, who is income eligible, can apply for Pregnancy Medicaid as a second form of coverage.

Apply for MT Medicaid by filling out a new application as soon as possible

- Online at apply.mt.gov or healthcare.gov
- In-person at a local [OPA](#)
- By calling the PAHL 1-888-706-1535

[Presumptive Eligibility \(PE\)](#) for Pregnancy Medicaid is available at qualified and participating entities such as health departments, community health centers and urban Indian health centers. PE will allow immediate use of Medicaid benefits. After the PE application is complete, a full Medicaid application must be submitted within a month.

End of Pregnancy

IF THE PREGNANT PERSON CURRENTLY HAS MEDICAID AND THE PREGNANCY ENDS, REPORT THE CHANGE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR 12-MONTH POSTPARTUM COVERAGE

With a [Change Report Form](#) report on changes in pregnancy status, for any reason, as soon as possible

- Online through the Self-Service Portal (SSP) at apply.mt.gov
- In-person at a local [OPA](#)
- By calling the PAHL 1-888-706-1535

Adding Baby to Coverage

IF THE PARENT WHO GAVE BIRTH WAS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID WHEN THE BABY WAS BORN, THE BABY IS ELIGIBLE FOR CONTINUOUS NEWBORN COVERAGE THROUGH THE LAST DAY OF THE MONTH OF THE BABY'S FIRST BIRTHDAY.

* For eligibility to be met a "Certificate of Live Birth" from the hospital or a "Montana Vital Statistics Birth Registry" printout can be submitted as proof of both citizenship and identity. A Social Security Number (SSN) Application or Hospital Abstract showing a SSN has been requested (although proof of SSN application cannot be required prior to approving Medicaid) is also required.

With a [Change Report Form](#) add baby to existing Medicaid case as soon as possible.

- Online through the Self-Service Portal (SSP) at apply.mt.gov
- In-person at a local [OPA](#)
- By calling the PAHL 1-888-706-1535

IF THE PARENT DOES NOT HAVE MEDICAID THEMSELVES BUT IS THE PARENT OR CARETAKER OF OTHER CHILDREN WHO HAVE AN ACTIVE MEDICAID CASE, THE BABY CAN BE ADDED TO THE EXISTING CASE.

With a [Change Report Form](#) add the baby to existing Medicaid case as soon as possible.

- Online through the Self-Service Portal (SSP) at apply.mt.gov
- In-person at a local [OPA](#)
- By calling the PAHL 1-888-706-1535

IF THE PARENT DOES NOT HAVE MEDICAID AND THERE ARE NO OTHER CHILDREN IN THE HOUSEHOLD WITH AN ACTIVE MEDICAID CASE AND THE BABY IS ELIGIBLE FOR HMK (261% FPL).

Apply for Medicaid with a [new application](#) within 10 days (for coverage to retroactively go back to birthday) or as soon as possible.

- Online through the Self-Service Portal (SSP) at apply.mt.gov
- In-person at a local [OPA](#)
- By calling the PAHL 1-888-706-1535

