Colorado Medicaid Programs for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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What Colorado Medicaid Programs & Services are available for CYSHCN?
- EPSDT – All Medicaid clients age birth - age 20
- Child Health Plan – Plus (CHP+)
- Healthy Communities
- Five Home and Community Based Waiver programs – C-HCBS, CWA, CLLI, CES, CHRP
- Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities
  - https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/medicaid
- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT)

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Why have a Medicaid Buy-In program for Children with Disabilities?
- Allows coverage for children with disabilities whose household income is below 300 percent FPL; and
- May not meet targeting criteria, or
- Level of care
- No waiting list

What You Will Learn from this Presentation?
- What Medicaid programs are available for CYSHCN
- Understand basic eligibility criteria for the Children’s Buy-In program
- Understand the disability determination process
- Get answers to Medicaid Buy-In FAQs
- Learn about NEMT basics

Who is eligible for the Children’s Medicaid Buy-In program?
- Children with disabilities under 19 years of age whose household income is below 300 percent FPL
- Children ages 16-18 must not have income from work
**What are the premiums for the Children’s Buy-In program?**


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**What is a qualifying disability for the Children’s Buy-In?**

In general, a child is considered to have a disability if:
- The child has a physical or mental impairment (or combination of impairments) that causes marked and severe functional limitations;
- The impairment(s) has lasted or is expected to last for at least 12 consecutive months, or to result in death; and
- The child is not working at a job and doing substantial work.
- A qualifying disability for the Children’s Buy-In is determined using the Social Security Administration (SSA) clinical standards. The childhood listings can be referenced through the following link to the SSA Web site: https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/ChildrensListings.htm

**Who makes the disability determination?**

A child can be determined for a qualifying disability by:
- Social Security Administration (SSA):
  - If the child has a current disability determination through the SSA, the child already has a disability determination that will be accepted for the Children’s Buy-In.
- State Disability Determination contractor:
  - If the child does not have a disability determination through SSA, a Medicaid Disability Application and Release Form should be submitted with the Medicaid application.

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/self-fax-re-app

**Answers to some FAQs**

- Does 12-month continuous eligibility for children apply to the Children’s Buy-In program?
- Do families have to apply for Social Security before applying for the Children’s Buy-In?
- Is financial eligibility and premium amount based on family income or just the child’s income?
- Will I receive a bill for the premium?
- What happens if I am late making a premium payment?

**What is NEMT?**

- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) provides transportation to medical appointments (or financial reimbursement for the cost of transportation when no transportation services are available) for those who do not have other means of transportation

- Types of transportation available include:
  - Ambulance
  - Plane
  - Train
  - Mobility vehicle
  - Private vehicle
  - Wheelchair van

https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/non-emergent-medical-transportation

**How are NEMT services provided?**

- Transportation Broker: First Transit (Total Transit beginning November 1, 2014)
- Broker serves Medicaid clients in the nine-county Denver metro area:
  - Adams
  - Arapahoe
  - Broomfield
  - Jefferson
  - Denver
  - Larimer
  - Boulder
  - Douglas
  - Weld

- All other Medicaid clients contact their local Department of Human/Social Services for NEMT services.
More about NEMT

- ALL NEMT requests require PRIOR approval
- Reimbursement may be provided for gas (mileage), bus tokens and bus passes
- Meals and lodging may be covered under NEMT; however, approval for meals and lodging will only be considered if the trip cannot be completed in one day
- Transportation, meals and lodging for an escort to accompany an at-risk adult or child may also be covered

What services are NOT covered?

- Transportation anywhere other than a Medicaid medical appointment or service with an authorized Medicaid provider
- Transportation to pick up prescriptions

Still more about NEMT

Clients under the following Medicaid programs are NOT eligible for NEMT services:

- Child Health Plans Plus (CHP+)
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- Old Age Pension – State Medical Program (OAP-State only)
- Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualified Individual-1 Medicare (QI-1)

How to get NEMT Services?

Contact the Transportation Broker at:

- Clients call 855-264-6368
- Providers call 855-677-6368

For Medicaid clients enrolled in a Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program, some non-medical transportation may be covered. For additional information call 303-866-3832

Other Medicaid FAQs?

What do I do if I’m out of state and need to seek medical care?

1. Go to: https://www.colorado.gov/hcpf/find-doctor/
2. Do not enter any search criteria and click “Search”
3. Zoom out on the map to show the general state/area you are in
4. Zoom back in on the specific area where you are
5. Click on the “pins” to get more information about that provider

What is the Nurse Line?

Feeling Sick? 800-283-3221

Other Medicaid FAQs?

How do SSI benefits affect Medicaid?

- Individuals eligible for SSI are categorically eligible for Colorado Medicaid.
- If I am receiving the Medicaid Waiver that allows me to be reimbursed as my child’s CNA, does it affect my child’s eligibility for Medicaid?
- Income derived from providing Medicaid covered medical services to your eligible child does not count as income for the child’s continued eligibility

Other Medicaid FAQs?

How do you determine eligibility of a child if parents are divorces and have different incomes in a 50-50 parenting plan situation, is it the same?

- In all such cases, one household becomes the primary household for eligibility purposes.
- Who should I contact for behavioral health services?
- Colorado Medicaid provides behavioral health services through a managed care system using Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs). There are five BHO regions throughout the state. Find your BHO at: https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/behavioral-health-organizations
We’ll take questions after all presentations.

Thank You!

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