

Helpful Resources

- + Facilitated Enrollment for People 65 and Older, Living with Disabilities and Visually Impaired:
Visit www.nyc.gov/ochia/ABDProgram or call **311**
- + NYC Human Resources Administration Medicaid Helpline:
Visit www.nyc.gov/hra or call **888-692-6116**
- + New York City Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP):
Visit <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/services/health-insurance-assistance.page> or call **311**
- + Independent Consumer Advocacy Network (ICAN):
Visit www.icannys.org or call **844-614-8800**
- + Community Health Advocates (CHA):
Visit www.communityhealthadvocates.org or call **888-614-5400**
- + 1-800-MEDICAR(E):
Visit www.medicare.gov or call **800-633-4227**
- + Social Security Hotline:
Visit www.ssa.gov or call **800-772-1213**

Ready to Sign Up?

- Contact an in-person assistor for free assistance to apply for or renew your Medicaid and reduce your Medicare costs.
- Call 311 and say “health insurance” when prompted or visit nyc.gov/ochia/ABDProgram to find an enrollment site near you.

Find a site near you by scanning this QR code.



Medicaid and You

If you are 65 years or older or living with a disability or visual impairment you may qualify for low or no cost health insurance.

Learn about your options and how to get help to enroll.

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Health Insurance Programs



+ **The Facilitated Enrollment Program for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (FE-ABD)** is designed to help New York City residents who are 65 or older or living with a disability or visual impairment enroll in Medicaid and the Medicare Savings Programs available through the Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services (HRA/DSS).



+ **Medicaid** is a joint federal and state program that provides health insurance coverage to eligible children, adults, seniors, pregnant women, and people living with disabilities.



+ **Medicare** is a federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people living with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease.

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I qualify for Medicaid?

In order to qualify for Medicaid, you must meet residency, immigration status, household income and resource requirements. Citizens, qualified immigrants, persons lawfully residing in New York and those Permanently Residing Under Color of Law (PRUCOL) can qualify for Medicaid if all other program eligibility requirements are met.

When can I enroll in Medicaid?

You can enroll in Medicaid all year round.

I have heard of “Medicaid Spenddown”? What is it?

If your income is above the eligibility level for your household size, you may still qualify for Medicaid through the Medicaid Excess Income Program or Medicaid Spenddown Program. You may qualify for Medicaid through this program if you meet all other program requirements and you:

Pay the amount of your income that is above your household eligibility level to HRA/DSS

OR

Provide your paid or unpaid medical bills to HRA/DSS to cover the difference between your income and your household eligibility level for Medicaid.

Do I have to renew my Medicaid coverage every year?

Yes, you must renew every year. Medicaid will mail you a renewal package two months before your coverage end date. Our enrollers can assist you with this process.

Do I have to apply for Medicare to get Medicaid?

Yes, if you are 65 or older, in order to enroll in Medicaid, you need to first apply for Medicare and then show proof of approval or denial. Facilitated Enrollers can assist you with this process. Even if you are not approved for Medicare you can still get Medicaid.

I already have Medicare. How can I get Medicaid?

You can call **347-396-4705** or **311** to get assistance to find out if you qualify for and to enroll in Medicaid.

How do I get help enrolling in Medicaid or the Medicare Savings Program?

The FE-ABD Program can help you enroll at no cost at sites in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. You can find an enrollment site near you by scanning the QR code on the back of this brochure or calling **311**.

If I am unable to leave my home, can I still get help enrolling in Medicaid and the Medicare Savings Program?

Yes, you can. Call **347-396-4705** to request a home visit.

When can I enroll in Medicare?

Your first opportunity to enroll in Medicare is during your Initial Enrollment Period (IEP) that begins three months before your 65th birthday and ends three months after.

| Time of Enrollment | When Coverage Begins |
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| The 3 months before your 65 th birthday | 1st day of the month you turn 65 |
| The month of your 65 th birthday | 1st day of the month after you turn 65 |
| The 3 months after your 65 th birthday | 2-3 months after you turn 65 |

What kind of help does the Medicare Savings Program offer?

The Medicare Savings Program can help pay for your Medicare costs such as premiums, deductibles, and copayments if you meet income and other program requirements.

| Programs | Financial Help |
|--|--|
| Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) | Part A Premium, Part B Premium, Deductibles, Coinsurance, and/or Co-payments |
| Qualified Individual (QI) | Part B premium only |
| Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI) | Part A premium only |

Medicaid Enrollment during the COVID-19 Emergency

Applying for Medicaid is easy during the public health crisis. We are here to help you.

To get started, call us at **347-396-4705** to make a telephone appointment. You will receive a call from an enroller within 48-72 hours. The enroller will ask you a few questions to see if you may be eligible for Medicaid and will help you to enroll over the phone.

Medicaid Renewal

Medicaid cases are being extended during the COVID-19 emergency period. You will not lose your coverage if you do not submit your renewal form. If you get a notice telling you that your Medicaid case is closed, please call **1-888-692-6116**.

- +** All active Medicaid cases with coverage dates ending in March through April 2021, **will be automatically extended.**
- +** **HRA will automatically extend Medicaid cases that end on or before May 31, 2023 for 12 months.** If your Medicaid case ends on or after June 30, 2023, you will receive a renewal package in the mail. Please complete, sign and return it in the envelope provided.

