

# Medicaid: A Brief Overview of Colorado's Program



## What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a joint federal-state public benefit program that provides health insurance to the nation's most economically disadvantaged populations, including low-income children and their families, low-income seniors and low-income people with disabilities. Medicaid provides benefits not typically covered (or covered to a lesser extent) by other insurers, including long-term services and support.

## What is Health First Colorado?

Health First Colorado is Colorado's Medicaid program that provides public health insurance for qualifying Coloradans. The program covers physical, dental and behavioral health for members.

Health First Colorado is funded jointly by the federal government and the Colorado state government and is administered by the [Department of Health Care Policy & Financing](#).

## Who is eligible for Health First Colorado?

Coloradans who meet [specific monthly income requirements](#) and who also meet immigration and citizenship requirements can get insurance through Health First Colorado. Income eligibility levels are based on Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines and will change, from time to time, as the FPL changes (see the table, below, for current income eligibility levels). In addition, individuals who are dealing with complex needs—such as people with traumatic brain injury, are blind, or have some other form of qualifying disability—may qualify for Medicaid under special waiver programs. There are also eligibility categories specific to pregnant women and emergency Medicaid for people who meet income criteria but don't meet citizenship or immigration requirements.

Family Size	Adults 19-65	Children 0-18	Pregnant Women
Family of 1	up to \$1,507	up to \$1,609	up to \$2,209
Family of 2	up to \$2,030	up to \$2,167	up to \$2,976
Family of 3	up to \$2,553	up to \$2,726	up to \$3,743
Family of 4	up to \$3,076	up to \$3,284	up to \$4,510

In addition to the income levels noted above, special eligibility categories, such as pregnant women, individuals who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, or people with a disability who are currently employed may have different income requirements. Please visit [here](#) for more information.