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HIV Benefits Basics

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Health Insurance & Benefits

INSURANCE

- Medi-Cal
 - Traditional & ACA
- Private Insurance
 - Covered CA & Off Exchange
- Medicare
- Healthy San Francisco

BENEFITS

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Health Insurance
 Premium Programs
 OA-HIPP, EB-HIPP, MPPP
- Other Supplementary Programs





Medi-Cal





Medi-Cal

Full-scope, public health insurance covering medically necessary care

- In-patient & out-patient care
- Mental health care
- Substance use treatment
- Prescription drugs
- Some vision & dental services
- Long-term care not included in Medi-Cal Expansion aka MAGI Medi-Cal

**Not an exhaustive list of Medi-Cal benefits





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Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans

Most Medi-Cal beneficiaries must enroll in a Managed Care Plan (HMO for Medi-Cal).



Beneficiaries can change clinics by calling their plans. to switch plans.







Medi-Cal

Enrollment is open year-round for Californians who meet eligibility guidelines

Traditional Medi-Cal	Medi-Cal Expansion
Eligibility based on SSI Countable Income, which varies by program and/or other factors	Eligibility based on income 138% Modified Adjusted Gross Income of the Federal Poverty Level



Medi-Cal Expansion

The America Cares Act (ACA) expanded Medicaid coverage. In California, the new program created by ACA is known as Medi-Cal Expansion (MCE) or MAGI Medi-Cal.

- Free, full-scope health insurance for low income, single adults aged 19 to 64 who are California residents, regardless of immigration status.
- State-funded program which does NOT impact federal Public Charge considerations.



Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medi-Cal

Eligibility Rules	
MAGI	At or below 138% of FPL or \$1,742/mo. in 2024
Residency	California resident
Age	Aged 19 to 64 years old
Other	Not entitled to Medicare



Traditional Medi-Cal Programs

- SSI/CAPI-linked
- Aged, Blind, & Disabled (ABD)
- 250% Working Disabled Program (250 WDP)
- Medically Needy with Share of Cost (SOC)

General Eligibility

- Income Limits which vary by program
- US citizen, US national or lawfully present immigrant



SSI/CAPI-linked Medi-Cal

- Receiving SSI or CAPI benefits
- SSI Countable Income Limit
 - Below the SSI Benefit Limit or \$943/mo. in 2024
- SSI/CAPI Program-Related Resource Limits
 - \$2,000 for an Individual, \$3,000 for a Couple



SSI Countable Income

Countable Income =

Countable Unearned Income + Countable Earned Income

- Countable Unearned Income = Benefits General Income Exclusion (\$20)
- Countable Earned Income = (Wages/Net Income Earned Income Exclusion (\$65) – Unused General Income Exclusion) divided by 2



Aged, Blind & Disabled

- Aged 65+, Blind OR Disabled
- 2024 SSI Countable Income Limits
 - <= 138% FPL
 - \$1,742/mo. for an Individual
 - \$2,371/mo. for a Couple



250% Working Disabled Program

- Disabled
- Working (loosely defined)
- 2024 SSI Countable Income Limits
 - <= 250% FPL
 - \$3,138/mo. for an Individual
 - \$4,259/mo. for a Couple
 - Special exclusions for disability-based income



Medically Needy with Share of Cost

- Aged 65+, Blind OR Disabled
- Income Too High for Other Programs
- Share of Cost
 - Beneficiary required to pay out of pocket a high monthly Share of Cost (SOC) or deductible before Medi-Cal coverage begins.
- May be Eligible for Covered California plan with subsidies, ADAP and OA-HIPP



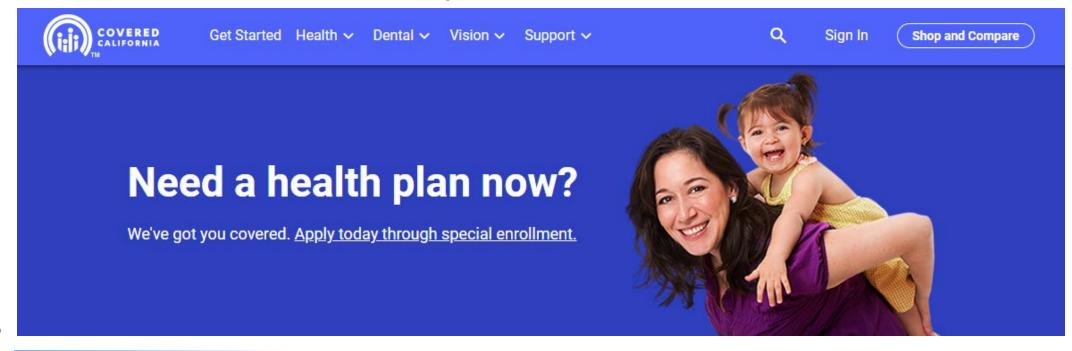


Covered California

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California marketplace for individuals to purchase private health insurance plans through www.coveredca.com

 If your income is too high for Medi-Cal, then Covered California is the next stop for healthcare access.



Who May Use Covered CA?

- U.S. Citizens who are California Residents
- Immigrants with Qualified Legal Status*
 - Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders)
 - Refugee or Asylee
 - Battered Spouse, Child or Parent
- Non-immigrants with legal status
 - Holders of Worker or Student Visas
- Applicants for certain legal statuses
 - Temporary Protected Status with Employment Authorization
 - Victim of trafficking



Covered California Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment is the only time individuals can renew, enroll in or switch Covered California plans without a Special Enrollment Period that is triggered by a Qualifying Life Event.

Enroll Between	Coverage Starts
Nov 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024	January 1, 2025
Jan 1, 2025 – Jan 31, 2025	February 1, 2025



Special Enrollment Periods

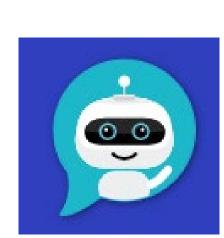
Special Enrollment Periods are created by Qualifying Life Events, such as

- Losing health coverage, including Medi-Cal
- Income changes
- Turning 26 & no longer eligible for parent's plan
- Moving to California or a new region in California
- Having a child
- Getting married or entering a domestic partnership
- Becoming a citizen, national or lawfully present



How to Pick a Plan

- ■Is my doctor in-network?
- Are my drugs on plan formulary?
- ☐ Is the pharmacy I use in the plan network?
- □If I need a special service or procedure, will it be covered?
- ■What are the premiums?
- ■What are the co-pays?
- ■What are my out-of-pocket maximums?

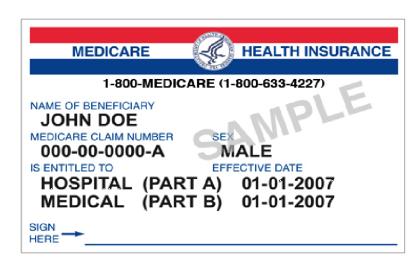






Medicare

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Federal health insurance administered by the Social Security Administration (SSA)

- Part A In-patient Care
- Part B Out-patient Care
- Part D Prescription Drugs
- Limitations
 - Very limited mental health care
 - Very limited substance use treatment
 - Very limited vision & dental services



Medicare

General eligibility

- 40 quarters of work history
- 65 year of age and older
- If under 65, deemed disabled or have a qualifying medical condition

Original Medicare Coverage

- Hospitalization
- 80% of doctor visits
- Prescription drugs





Medicare Part C

- Private insurance plans approved by Medicare
 - Medicare HMOs
 - AKA Medicare Advantage Plans
 - In California, Advantage plans include Parts A, B & D
- Monthly premium in addition to Part B premium
- Benefits
 - Potential cost savings
 - Many offer supplemental benefits such as dental, vision, health, and wellness





Medicare Enrollment

Medicare Parts C and D Open Enrollment Period

- October 15, 2024, through December 7, 2024
 - Switch from Original Medicare to Medicare Advantage
 - Switch Medicare Advantage plans
 - Enroll in or Change Part D plans
- Effective January 1, 2025

Medicare Parts A and B General Enrollment Period

- January 1, 2025, through March 31, 2024
 - Enroll or Reenroll in Parts A and/or B
- Effective the following month





Health Access Support Programs

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- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Office of AIDS Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (OA-HIPP)
- Employer Based Health Insurance Premium Payment Program (EB-HIPP)
- Medicare Premium Payment Program (MPPP)
- Low Income Subsidy (LIS) aka Extra Help
 - Pays Medicare Part D premiums
- Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)
 - Pays Medicare Part B premiums



AIDS Drug Assistance Program

Federal program administered by the California Department of Public Health's Office of AIDS that pays the out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs.



- CA resident
- HIV positive
- 18 years of age or older
- Annual Household MAGI > 138% FPL and <= 500% FPL
 - > \$20,783 and <= \$75,300 for an individual in 2024
 - Upper limit increasing to 600% FPL on 1/1/2025
- Lacks private insurance that covers the full cost of medications and does not qualify for no-cost Medi-Cal
- ADAP formulary will be modified to an Open Formulary on 1/1/2025.



OA-HIPP and EB-HIPP

ADAP-related programs that pay the monthly health insurance premiums for private health insurance plans up to \$1,938, increasing to \$2,996 in 2025.

- Enrolled in ADAP
- Enrolled in private, comprehensive health insurance plan, including Covered California, Off Exchange, Employer-Based, COBRA and Cal-COBRA plans, with prescription drug benefits
- Employer must agree to participate in EB-HIPP



Medicare Premium Payment Program

ADAP-related programs that pays the monthly health insurance premiums for Medicare Part D, Part C (Medicare Advantage) and Medicare Supplemental (Medigap) plans up to \$1,938, increasing to \$2,996 in 2025.



- Enrolled in ADAP
- Enrolled in a Medicare Part D or Part C plan and paying a monthly premium of at least \$1.
- Not eligible for 100% assistance from LIS/Extra Help or full scope, free Medi-Cal



Where to start?

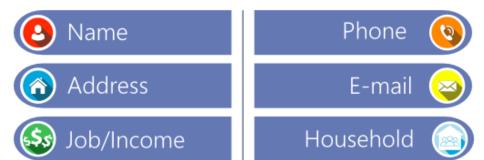
- Does the client have meds?
- Does the client have insurance?
- Does the client have a provider?
- Does the client have a valid Rx?
- Did the client just move to SF?
- What are they eligible for?
- Who can we refer them to?





Keep Your Medi-Cal

Make sure that the county has your current information.

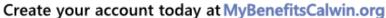


Report any changes right away to:

Human Services Agency of San Francisco 1440 Harrison Street, San Francisco, CA 94103 (415) 558-4700 phone | (415) 355-2432 fax SFMedi-Cal@SFgov.org

Did You Know?

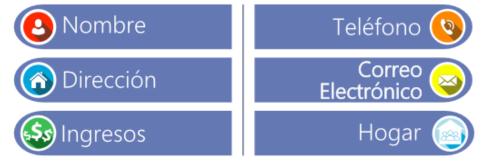
You can complete your annual renewal and report changes to your Medi-Cal case online.





Mantenga su Medi-Cal

Asegúrese de que el condado tenga su información actual.



Reporte cualquier cambio cuanto antes sea posible.

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¿Sabía usted?

Usted puede realizar su renovación anual y reportar cambios a su Medi-Cal en línea.

Abra su cuenta en MyBenefitsCalwin.org



Thank you!

- Questions?
 - Contact PRC's EAHP Team
 - (415) 777-0333
 - eahp@prcsf.org
 - Call HICAP
 - (800) 434-0222
- Reminder
 - Enroll at CoveredCA.com
 - Covered California hotline: (800) 300-1506
 - Enroll at Medicare.gov/find-a-plan