



Technical Bulletin

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To: State of Nevada Employees, Retirees, Dependents

Background

Passage of The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act allowed states to expand Medicaid to cover low-income adults and children with income at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty rate living in Nevada. On January 1, 2014, this expansion allowed more at-risk Nevadans access to healthcare coverage than ever before in state history. Nevada Medicaid is available to all Nevadans who qualify financially, including current and retired State of Nevada Employees as primary insurance, or as a secondary insurance to assist with co-pays and deductibles for Medicaid covered services. Any Nevadan with countable income* under the Medicaid income limits, including current or former State of Nevada employees may be eligible. While Medicaid does not require any type of “qualifying event” to apply and be evaluated, State of Nevada employees who lose their Public Employees Benefits Program (PEPB) health insurance due to a catastrophic event, change in life status, or job change may find the below information useful.

**The majority of Medicaid eligibility programs do not consider Child Support as “countable income.”*

Access to Coverage

The Division of Welfare & Supportive services is responsible for Nevada Medicaid application processing, Nevadans in need of medical assistance are encouraged to **Click-In, Call-In, Come-In** to apply for assistance.

- **Click-In** – Individuals may apply electronically online for all public assistance programs including Nevada Medicaid using the [Access Nevada](https://accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov) portal. Access Nevada allows individuals to manage their account online 24 hours a day 7 days a week. <https://accessnevada.dwss.nv.gov>
- **Call-In** – Individuals may apply for Medicaid telephonically by calling (702) 486-1646 during normal business hours. You may also request a paper application to be mailed to you if you prefer.
- **Come-In** – Individuals may apply in person during normal business hours at any of our district offices. Office locations can be found at www.dwss.nv.gov.

Qualifications

All applicants for Nevada Medicaid are required to provide DWSS with information and/or documentation necessary to establish initial and continuing eligibility to receive medical assistance. All applicants must meet certain non-financial factors to determine initial and continuing eligibility, such as but not limited to, Social Security enumeration, qualifying citizenship status, residency, and tax filing status. Also, applicants must meet federal income guidelines established annually by the Centers for Medicare/Medicaid.

2020 Medicaid Income Limits

| | Parents & Caregivers | Parents & Caregivers w/Medicare | Children 6-18 | Expanded Parent & Child 6-18 & childless adults | Children under 6 & pregnant woman | Nevada Check Up |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | AM limit | AM w/ Medi | 122% FPL | 138% FPL | 165% FPL | 205% FPL |
| 1 | \$319 | 368 | 1297 | 1467 | 1755 | 2180 |
| 2 | \$407 | \$473 | \$1,753 | \$1,983 | \$2,371 | \$2,945 |
| 3 | \$495 | \$577 | \$2,208 | \$2,498 | \$2,987 | \$3,711 |
| Each additional | +\$88 | +\$105 | +\$456 | +\$515 | +\$616 | +\$765 |

Nevada Check-Up

Nevada Check-Up (NCU) program began providing services to Nevada children on October 1, 1998. The mission of NCU is to provide low-cost, comprehensive health care coverage to low income, uninsured children who are not covered by private insurance or Medicaid; while (1) promoting health care coverage for children; (2) encouraging individual responsibility; and (3) working with public and private health care providers and community advocates for children.

On January 1, 2016, the NCU policy was reviewed and it was determined that children with access to PEBP benefits who fall within the income guidelines and eligibility criteria for NCU, may qualify and be enrolled in the NCU program, if the parent or guardian were to terminate PEBP coverage during PEBP open enrollment.

The only cost to the Nevada Check Up enrollee is a quarterly premium. Enrollees are not required to pay co-payments, deductibles, or other charges for covered services. Premiums are determined by family size and income. Quarterly premiums range from \$25, \$50 or \$80; federally recognized Tribes and Alaska Natives are exempt from these premiums.

Liaisons Available to State of Nevada Employees

The Division of Welfare and Supportive Services has Family Services Supervisors available to act as liaisons to State of Nevada Employees in need. These Family Services Supervisor Liaisons will answer questions and provide technical assistance regarding the Medicaid application process. While general questions and applications for assistance should be routed via the "Access to Coverage" section above, if a State of Nevada employee is living under the below income limits, and would like additional information please email welfare@dwss.nv.gov to request a call back from a liaison.