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Mandatory Medicaid Benefits

States are required to provide all mandatory benefits, under federal law, through their respective Medicaid programs. Medicaid is administered by the states within federal guidelines, as such, each Medicaid program is different in reflecting their choices over who is eligible and what benefits are covered. But, if a state chooses to participate in Medicaid, federal rules ensure a “mandatory” level of coverage. In other words, certain population groups will be covered for a specified set of benefits.

“Mandatory” Medicaid benefits that New Jersey and all states must cover include:

- Transportation to medical care
- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Physician services
- Federally qualified health center service
- Laboratory and X-ray services
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services.

See mandatory and optional Medicaid state plan benefits, and the section of the Social Security Act and applicable coverage regulation(s) under which each benefit is authorized: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/benefits/mandatory-optional-medicaid-benefits>.

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