

TYPES OF NJ FAMILYCARE/MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY IN NJ

AGED, BLIND, OR DISABLED (ABD)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicaid

Provided automatically when a person with IDD is approved for SSI benefits. Apply for SSI at age 18 or above through your local SSA Office here: bit.ly/ssaoffices

Medicaid Only

For individuals with IDD who do not receive monthly SSI, but meet SSI income and resource limits. bit.ly/medicaidonly

NJ Workability

Offers healthcare to individuals with IDD ages 16+ who are employed and whose income would disqualify them from other forms of Medicaid. bit.ly/njworkability

HOW TO GET IT

Apply for SSI at age 18
bit.ly/Apply4SSI
ABD Medicaid Application
bit.ly/ABDapplication

WHAT'S COVERED?

Doctor visits, prescriptions, x-rays, dental, lab testing, eyeglasses, mental health, hospitalization, specialist visits, hearing aids, Personal Care Assistant (PCA), Personal Preference Program (PPP)

For specific questions about Medicaid or the application process, contact healthcareadvocacy@arcnj.org

Disabled Adult Child (DAC)

For persons whose SSI ended because they received benefits from a parent who retired, became disabled, or died. Request for information (RFI) is for people who have DDD. bit.ly/dacmedicaid

New Jersey Care... Special Medicaid Program

For individuals with IDD with income below \$1,330/month. Contact your County Board of Social Services: bit.ly/njcbss

Long Term Services and Supports

Applies to younger individuals who need significant support, such as private-duty nursing, etc. bit.ly/longtermsupport

QUICK FACT

Medicaid is an entitlement-based program. Anyone who is determined eligible by the Medicaid Office has the right to receive Medicaid and its related services. Eligibility is not guaranteed.

NJ FAMILYCARE/ MEDICAID EXPANSION

- Eligibility is based on income, not on the individual having a disability.
- The maximum monthly income limit increases each year.
- The maximum gross income for a single adult in 2026 is \$1,836/month.
- The individual cannot be listed as a dependent on their parent's tax return.
- The individual cannot receive Medicare.
- ABD is a better route if eligible.

HOW TO GET IT

Applicants must have financial eligibility.

NJ FamilyCare Quickstart

bit.ly/njfamilycare

QUICK FACT

Adults must have legal resident status for 5 years to be eligible. Children and pregnant women with legal resident status are eligible, regardless of length of residency.

WHAT'S COVERED?

Doctor visits, prescriptions, x-rays, dental, lab testing, eyeglasses, hospitalization, mental health, preventative screenings, regular checkups



When an SSI/Medicaid recipient (or applicant) has a parent who has retired, died or is on disability, the individual will begin to receive(or is already receiving) SSDI on the parent's work record.



Individual was on SSI/Medicaid. Then the parent retired, is on disability, or died, and the individual started collecting



But they are also eligible to receive Medicaid as a Section 1634 DAC
If receiving DDD services, the individual should receive an RFI packet from DDD to apply for Medicaid as a DAC



See DDD's 1634 DAC flyer for more information:
bit.ly/dacflyer



Individual was never on SSI/Medicaid



Individual is receiving a benefit from the parent's work record that is **less** than \$1,330/month (2026)



Individual can apply for NJ Care Special Medicaid (community Medicaid) through the County Board of Social Services.



Individual is receiving income that is **more** than \$1,836/month (2026)




The individual could apply for a special "Non-DAC" status with the state. This will allow the individual to apply through the DDD Waiver Unit approaching age 21



See The Arc of NJ's Non-DAC flyer here: bit.ly/nonDACflyer
Use The Arc of NJ's Medicaid Eligibility Problem Form here:
[Download the Form](#)
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