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# Medicaid for Families

This is an overview of Medicaid coverage for children and families in Illinois. The information applies to people with disabilities, including older Americans with physical, cognitive, sensory or mental impairments.

## **I am taking care of my grandchildren. Can I get Medicaid for them?**

Yes, if you are a caretaker relative of children under age 19, you can get Medicaid for those children in a program called All Kids. Six plans cover children and families:

- FamilyCare/All Kids Assist
- All Kids Share
- All Kids Premium Level 1
- All Kids Premium Level 2
- All Kids Rebate
- Moms and Babies

Children are eligible up to age 19. Adults must be either a parent or caretaker relative with a child under 19 living in your home, or a pregnant woman.

## **What are the income requirements for All Kids?**

The program you qualify for depends on your family size and income. For All Kids Assist, children must live in families with countable income below 145 percent of the federal poverty level. As a grandparent (or parent), you are eligible for Medicaid coverage if your income is below 138 percent of the federal poverty level. For All Kids Share, your grandchildren are eligible for Medicaid if the countable family income is between 147 percent and 157 percent of the federal poverty level.

Families with slightly higher incomes can use the All Kids Premium Level 1 and Level 2 programs. Families that use these programs pay monthly premiums based on the number of children covered as well as co-payments. In general, you should be eligible for some program if your family income is below 300 percent of the federal poverty level. For a family of three in 2015, that is \$5,022.50 a month.

## **Is there an asset requirement for these programs?**

No, there is no asset requirement for these programs.

## **Are there co-pays?**

For All Kids, there are no co-pays or premiums. For All Kids Share, there is a co-pay for each medical service and prescription, up to \$100/year. For the premium programs, there are co-pays.



## **Do my grandchildren have to be citizens to qualify for the All Kids program?**

There are no citizenship requirements for children for the All Kids programs. You as a caretaker relative do not have to be a citizen or qualified immigrant to apply for the children or relative children, and they do not have to be U.S. citizens or legally present in the U.S.

## **I also need Medicaid for myself. Do I get that with All Kids?**

There is a program called FamilyCare for parents and certain relative caretakers of children under 19. To qualify for this program, your children or relative children must live with you.

## **Are there other requirements for FamilyCare?**

Yes, there is a citizenship requirement – you must be a U.S. citizen or a qualified legal immigrant living in the U.S. for at least five years. You also must have income below 138 percent of the federal poverty level (\$1,354 a month in 2015). There are also small co-pays for certain doctor visits, prescriptions and using the emergency room when there is not an emergency. ■

### For more information:

For more information on family programs go to: [www.familycareillinois.com](http://www.familycareillinois.com)

You can apply online at [www.abe.illinois.gov/abe/access](http://www.abe.illinois.gov/abe/access)

There is a consumer assistance hotline at **1-866-311-1119**

You can also find a person to assist you at the [www.getcoveredillinois.gov](http://www.getcoveredillinois.gov) website, or call **1-866-311-1119**

To get more information about public benefits in Illinois, call the Illinois Public Benefits Hotline at **1-888-893-5327**

To calculate the Federal Poverty Level, go to: [www.safetyweb.org/fpl.php](http://www.safetyweb.org/fpl.php)



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