

Medicaid Coverage for Pregnant Women

Arkansas Medicaid helps pregnant women get the care they need. It can pay for doctor visits, deliveries, medicine, and more.

How do I know what kind of coverage I can get?

The services you receive are based on:

- How much money you and your family living with you make
- How many family members live in your home
- If you are pregnant when you apply for Medicaid
- If you are legally in the U.S. and living in Arkansas

How do I apply for coverage?

Applying is easy! You can:

- **Go online:** Visit www.Access.Arkansas.gov, create an account, and fill out an application.
- **Call:** Dial 1-855-374-1084 to apply over the phone.
- **Mail or go in person:** Submit a paper application to your local DHS office or send them a filled-out application in the mail.

What happens after I apply?

You will get temporary coverage while the Department of Human Services (DHS) processes your application. This temporary coverage lasts for 60 days or until you are approved. This means you can start seeing a doctor right after you apply. Check your mail for letters from DHS and provide any information they ask for.

What if I already have Medicaid and then get pregnant?

You will keep Medicaid even if you don't qualify anymore. Just let DHS know that you are pregnant.

What does Medicaid pay for during pregnancy?

It depends on which Medicaid category you get and whether the service is medically necessary. Some programs only cover care during pregnancy or for medical needs that might affect your pregnancy.

In general, Medicaid will cover:

- Doctor visits and shots
- Pre-natal visits
- Specialists visits
- Hospital stays
- Medicine
- Outpatient mental health services
- Emergency room visits
- Eye exams & glasses
- Dental services
- Lab tests and x-rays
- Non-emergency rides to the doctor
- Medical supplies and equipment

With some pregnancy-related categories Unborn Child and Presumptive Eligibility, coverage is limited to only those services that impact the pregnancy.

What happens after I am approved?

Once you are approved, you need to:

- **Pick a doctor** who serves pregnant women and delivers babies (called an OBGYN). For help finding a doctor, call the ConnectCare help line at **1-800-275-1131** (TDD **1-800-285-1131**) or go to seeyourdoc.org.
- **Quit smoking.** The Be Well Arkansas program can help.
- **Quit drinking or using drugs.** The Arkansas Mental Health & Addiction Support Line at **1-844-763-0198** for help.
- **Ask your doctor** about taking vitamins for pregnant women.
- **Learn what foods** are good to eat and what to avoid during pregnancy.