



Division of Developmental Disabilities

Medicaid Eligibility for the Supports Program

	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Program	New Jersey Workability
Overview	Federal income supplement program designed to help people who are “aged, blind, and/or disabled” who have little/no income. SSI provides monthly cash payment to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.	Special program that provides Medicaid for individuals who are 65-years of age or older, blind or disabled and are unable to afford the health care they need.	Offers full NJ Medicaid health coverage to individuals with disabilities who are working, and whose earnings would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid. Eligible individuals pay a small premium and receive full NJ Medicaid coverage.
Eligibility Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged (65+); blind; or disabled; & • Limited income and resources (<i>The current monthly income limit is \$729.25 & resource limit is \$2000</i>); & • U.S. citizen or national, or in one of certain categories of aliens; & • Resident of one of the 50-States; D.C. Northern Mariana Islands; & • Not absent from the country for 30-consecutive days or more. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 65+ years old and/or determined to be blind or disabled by either the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS); & • Resident of New Jersey; & • U.S. Citizen or qualified alien (<i>most immigrants who arrive after August 22, 1996 are barred from Medicaid for five years</i>); & • Financially eligible (<i>The current monthly Income limit is \$931 and Resource Limit is \$4000.</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Between the ages of 16–64; & • Working (full/part-time) with proof of employment; & • Determined “disabled” by the SSA, or the Disability Review Team at DMAHS; & • Earned income no more than \$56,652 (gross income) per year for eligible individuals (\$4,721 per month), or no more than \$76,452 (gross income) per year for eligible couples (\$6,371 per month) - both with permanent disability, both working; & • Unearned income (pensions, child support, etc.) up to \$931 per month for eligible individuals or up to \$1,261 for eligible couples; & • Have less than \$20,000 in liquid assets as an individual, or less than \$30,000 as a couple. <p><u>Please note:</u> Social Security Disability Benefits, Railroad Retirement System Benefits (received by an individual on their own account), retirement accounts (like an IRA or 401K) and the value of owned home and car are all disregarded.</p>
Application Process	Made through local Social Security offices. To locate an office, go to: https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp	Made at the County Welfare Agencies/Board of Social Services. To locate an office, go to: http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/	Made by calling the Division of Disability Services at 1-888-285-3036
Required Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of age; • Proof of citizenship; • Social Security card or record of SSN; • Documentation related to income & resources (<i>Copies of your checking account(s), savings account(s), trust(s) including life insurance and special needs, annuities, payroll slips, burial fund records, and other information about your income and the things you own. Be sure to include the account numbers for all documents</i>). • Names, addresses, and phone numbers of doctors, hospitals and clinics that you have been to, if applying because you are disabled or blind. <p>For a more complete list, go to: http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.pdf</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of age; • Proof of citizenship; • Proof of marital status (if married); • Documentation related to Power of Attorney/Third Party Signator/Guardianship (if applicable); • Documentation related to income & resources (<i>Copies of your checking account(s), savings account(s), trust(s) including life insurance and special needs, annuities, copies of life insurance policies with cash value, etc.</i>). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No standard documents – cases are reviewed individually at the point of intake
Additional Information	http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm		
	1-800-772-1213	1-609-588-2556	1-888-285-3036



Division of Developmental Disabilities Frequently Asked Questions

What should I do if I am denied Medicaid or SSI because my income or resources are too high?

You should inquire about your eligibility for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Program as well as Workability.

What should I do if I lose my SSI and Medicaid coverage because I begin receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits on my parent's account?

You may be eligible to continue receiving Medicaid benefits as a "Disabled Adult Child" (DAC) if you meet the following criteria: (1) You are at least 18 years old; (2) You have become disabled or blind prior to age 22; (3) You have been receiving SSI on the basis of your disability; and (4) You have lost SSI as a result of child's insurance benefits under Social Security or as a result of an increase in those benefits.

What should I do if I lose my SSI and Medicaid coverage because of receiving SSDI resulting in my income exceeding the SSI income limit?

You may be eligible to continue receiving Medicaid benefits as a DAC (see above). If you have a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) verifying that you are eligible for DAC status, take this letter to your County Welfare Agencies (CWA) for consideration of Medicaid eligibility under the DAC status. The CWA should disregard the dollar amount of the children's insurance benefit for Medicaid eligibility and any subsequent increases in the children's insurance benefit. This special eligibility consideration should continue until such time as you are determined to no longer qualify as disabled or blind or you become ineligible for Medicaid because of other income or resources. If you do not have any documentation verifying that you are eligible for DAC status, it is recommended that you contact SSA and obtain a letter prior to going to your CWA.

Once I have been determined eligible for Medicaid, is that determination permanent?

No. If your income, resources or living arrangements have changed, it may affect your eligibility. Additionally, both Medicaid and SSI conduct eligibility redeterminations on an annual basis to verify that you remain eligible. It is imperative that you comply with all redeterminations, as failure to do so may cause your benefit to be suspended or terminated.

If I lose my Medicaid eligibility, will I still be able to access the Supports Program?

No, you will not be able to access the Supports Program unless you maintain Medicaid eligibility.