



FAQs About Medicaid Expansion



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What is the name of North Carolina's Medicaid expansion program?

The program is called **NC Health Works** and will be administered by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS).

Am I eligible for Medicaid expansion?

Adults aged 19–64 who make up to **138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)** qualify for Medicaid expansion.

Whether your income meets the 138 percent threshold **depends on your household size**. As of 2023, a single adult earning \$20,120 a year is eligible, while a family of four earning \$41,400 a year is eligible.

To determine whether you are eligible for Medicaid expansion, compare your household size to the 138% FPL for 2023.

# of Persons in Household	138% FPL for 2023 (Annual Income)
1	\$20,120
2	\$27,214
3	\$34,307
4	\$41,400
5	\$48,493
6	\$55,586
7	\$62,680
8	\$69,773

When can I enroll?

Because of the way the law is written, Medicaid expansion does not become effective immediately. That means there is currently **NO concrete start date for enrollment**.

Will the program go live this year?

Likely. The Medicaid expansion law stipulates that North Carolina's Medicaid expansion program becomes effective on the **latter of two dates**:

- When the state budget becomes law, **OR**
- When the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approves the program

If N.C. lawmakers and Governor Cooper do not agree on a state budget by June 30, 2024, the Medicaid expansion law will expire, and the legislative process must start again. Our legislators are working on a state budget now.

How do I enroll?

There will be more information coming soon from the NC DHHS on how to enroll.

If you currently rely on Medicaid for health insurance coverage, be sure to report any important changes to your local DSS (ncdhhs.gov/localDSS) or by visiting epass.nc.gov. These changes may be family size, income, or address.

Will healthcare visits be free?

Healthcare visits will either be free or low cost.

What health plans are available?

Medicaid recently transitioned to a managed care model and most enrollees must choose the health plan that best works for them.

- Each health plan has its own network of providers. To view health plan options available to you, visit ncmedicaidplans.gov/find/viewhealthplans.
- If you have a provider you want to continue seeing, see which network they are in by visiting ncmedicaidplans.gov/enroll/online/find/find-provider.

Many providers accept Medicaid plans. However, you will need to visit the Medicaid managed care provider directory to find out which health plan works with your provider.

Do I need to report work hours to enroll in Medicaid coverage?

Not at this time. As of now, CMS and the Biden administration have not allowed work reporting requirements as a condition of Medicaid coverage.

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