Background

Starting July 1, 2023, South Dakota’s Medicaid expansion will allow an estimated 52,000 new individuals to qualify for Medicaid by raising the income requirement to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), up to $41,400 for a family of 4, and adding childless adults. To be eligible for Medicaid under expansion, applicants must:

- be 19-64 years old
- live in South Dakota
- be a U.S. citizen or a qualified immigrant
- have or have applied for a Social Security Number (SSN)

Applicants with health insurance may qualify for expansion. The expansion will add coverage for two categories of adults, as indicated below.

Current Medicaid and CHIP enrollees will not qualify for Medicaid expansion. Enrollees will not move from one eligibility category to another unless their economic circumstances change.
**Federal Poverty Level**

Medicaid income eligibility is based on the FPL, which increases by family size and is adjusted each year for inflation.

Income eligibility for Medicaid Expansion:
- Childless adults with income up to 138% FPL
- Low Income Parents with incomes between 46% FPL and 138% FPL

The following table summarizes the 2023 FPL and South Dakota Medicaid income thresholds.

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<th>Family Size</th>
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**Enrollment Process**

The eligibility determination process for the expansion population will be the same as for all other Medicaid populations.

- In addition to the income guidelines above, federally the expansion population will not have an asset threshold.
- Individuals and families can apply for Medicaid online, by mail, or in person.
- Applicants must provide the following information for themselves and all family members:
  - name, date of birth, and Social Security number - for those applying
  - employer information and income documentation such as paystubs, W-2 forms, or wage and tax statements
  - health insurance information

Applications are processed in offices around the state by the DSS Division of Economic Assistance staff.

For more information on Medicaid Expansion eligibility visit

[https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/Eligibility/default.aspx](https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/Eligibility/default.aspx)