SOUTH DAKOTA MEDICAID

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Important changes such as household members or contact information can be updated by calling your <u>local office</u>, speaking with your primary care provider or filling out the <u>Change Report Form</u> and mailing it.

You can also ask your provider to email or fax changes to Medicaid for you!

DON'T RISK A GAP IN YOUR MEDICAID OR CHIP COVERAGE!

Due to the COVID-19 federal public health emergency, federal regulations prohibited Medicaid from closing for persons who were found ineligible.

Effective April 1, 2023, federal regulations again allow for closure of ineligible cases.

Follow these steps to determine if you still qualify:

- \Rightarrow Make sure your contact information is up to date
- \Rightarrow Watch for communication from the Department of Social Services
- ⇒ Complete your renewal form (if you receive one)



For more resources and information visit the <u>unwinding website</u>.

Medicaid Expansion is set to take effect July 1, 2023. See below for updates and resources

Eligibility

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, up to \$41,400 for a family of 4, and added childless adults. To be eligible under expansion, applicants must:

- √ be 19-64 years old
- Live in a household with income under 139% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Not already have or be able to have Medicare

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

Covered Services

Expansion recipients will have the same benefit package as traditional adult Medicaid recipients, reducing administrative burden on providers because they do not have to track separate regulations and allows recipients to have access to the same set of services regardless of their category of eligibility. The current Medicaid benefit package includes the 10 essential health benefit categories.

Copays

Traditional and expansion Medicaid enrollees will be subject to the same copays. Some examples of copays are:

- \$50.00 for a hospital admission
- \$3.00 for a physician visit
- \$3.30 for brand name drugs

More information, including upcoming webinars, can be found on our <u>Medicaid Expansion Page</u>