



Healthy Start

Wisconsin's Healthy Start increases access to Medicaid health care coverage for pregnant women, infants, and children. Families with health insurance may apply. More than 100,000 people receive health care coverage through Healthy Start.

ELIGIBILITY

Am I Eligible?

YOU MAY qualify for Healthy Start health care coverage if:

- You are a U.S. citizen or an eligible alien;
- You are pregnant OR a child under age 19;
- You meet income limits. There is no asset limit.

How is Monthly Income Determined?

HEALTHY START ELIGIBILITY is based on your income AFTER subtracting certain deductions from your GROSS (pre-tax) income. These deductions depend on your circumstances, but may include some dependent care costs, work-related expenses, court-ordered child support, and/or other deductions. An Economic Support Worker will help you with these calculations.

What Are The Monthly Income Limits?

AFTER SUBTRACTING all allowable deductions and disregards, your remaining monthly income must be less than in the table below. If you're pregnant count each expected child as 1 when choosing household size.

Monthly NET Income Limits Increase March 1, 2006

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Pregnant women & kids under 6	\$1,476	\$1,978	\$2,481	\$2,984	\$3,486	\$3,989	\$4,491	\$4,994
Kids age 6 thru 18	\$798	\$1,070	\$1,341	\$1,613	\$1,885	\$2,156	\$2,428	\$2,700

What If My Income Seems Too High?

YOU SHOULD still apply because...

- You may qualify under other Medicaid rules even if your income is much higher than in the table above;
- You may qualify if you have recent medical bills or if you pay a deductible.

BENEFITS

What Does Healthy Start Cover?

HEALTHY START is a category of Medical Assistance. Covered services include doctor visits, immunizations, pre-natal care, hospital care, preventive care, emergency services, dental and vision services, prescription drugs, and more.

Coverage for pregnant women continues up to 60 days past delivery. Coverage of newborns continues through their first year. Older children remain covered as long as they continue to meet eligibility criteria.

APPLICATION

How Do I Apply?

CONTACT YOUR county or tribal human or social services office, or W-2 agency or call 800-362-3002 or the MCH Hotline at 800-722-2295. The application is short and you can apply by phone or mail. Go to www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid1/recpubs/factsheets/. You can find out if you may be eligible by visiting the ACCESS website www.access.wisconsin.gov.