



Medicaid is a joint program between the Federal and State governments to fund health and social services.

Key Points

90% of services provided by Gateways Community Services are funded through Medicaid. In order to offer diverse and innovative programming, Gateways needs to be able to bill Medicaid for services provided.

What does Medicaid mean to you?

- When your son or daughter turns 18, they are eligible to apply for Medicaid. Individuals with disabilities apply to a specific program called Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD). This specific program includes only the individual's income and resources, and is based on their disability.
- Approval for APTD will provide medical coverage and cash assistance. Having Medicaid will give you access to specialized high school transition service coordination from a Family Support Service Coordinator (FSSC). The FSSC will assist you to connect with community services, develop a service need plan, and request long term funding. Long term supports are funded solely through Medicaid. Private Insurance will not cover long term support services or service coordination.
- If you have not applied for Medicaid by 18.3 yrs old and have not obtained Medicaid by 18.6 yrs old you will no longer have access to a FSSC to assist you to plan for the future or to access long term support funding.
- Long term funding may only be available to those participants who are 21 years or older who have Medicaid and have identified a service plan with a Service Coordinator. Funds for long term services are subject to availability. Long term supports would include such things as:
 - Adult Custom Services (ACS) : provides the opportunity for individuals to design and manage their own supports and services
 - Vocational Services: supports employment needs
 - Day Activity Services: supports social and recreational needs
 - Community Support Services: Hourly supports to enhance a person's life
 - Service Coordinators who help access Gateways Community Services
 - Gateways Community Services Representative Payee Services for Social Security and Medicaid
 - Variety of Supported Living Services

Medicaid secures your loved one to have access to support, guidance, long term support services, medical coverage, and cash assistance. Gateways Community Services can assist to you apply and complete the application process with the local Medicaid District Office.

Please contact your Family Support Service Coordinator with any questions at 882-6333.