

Key Points

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

- Medicaid is a medical insurance and can cover medical care needs of the eligible individual when using a NH Medicaid Provider (primary care physician, prescriptions, specialists, speech, OT, PT)
- If you do not have Medicaid, you still have access to Family Support Programs. However, with Medicaid you may be able to access additional supports based on need and availability of funds. Medicaid allows for Gateways to bill and be reimbursed for services provided
- School districts can bill a student's Medicaid in a program called Medicaid to School to access specific services for a student. This can result in the student having access to increased services in school and for services provided to be reimbursed to the school.
- Medicaid is **required** to receive long term funding when an individual exits high school. Services can include employment supports, independent living, personal care, adaptive equipment, and residential supports. Funding for long term services is not a guarantee. It is based on a clear plan for services, active Medicaid, and availability of funding. Working closely with your service coordinator is essential to accessing long term funding. You will also be asked to apply for a Medicaid lookback should you request long term funding.

Medicaid Programs for Developmental Services:

In order to have access to services you must apply to one of three Medicaid Programs. These programs have a disability assessment as part of the eligibility which determines if you meet the level of care required to receive services.

1. Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled (APTD) – You can apply for this program on the first of the month you turn 18. For example, if your birthday is June 12th you can apply on June 1st. This program also provides access to cash assistance. This program only considers the assets and income of the applicant and does not take the family income into eligibility determination. Assessments and medical records are required for application.
2. Aid to the Needy Blind – You can apply at any age and is for individuals who are legally blind. This program also provides access to cash assistance. Medical Documentation is required.
3. HCBC – Chronic and Severe Disabilities (HCBC- CSD – Katie Beckett) – You can apply for this program at birth to 19 whom have severe disabilities. This program only considers the assets and income of the child and does not take the family income into eligibility determination. The applicant must demonstrate institution level care to be eligible and provide documentation.

Gateways Community Services can assist to you apply for these programs.

Please contact your Family Support Service Coordinator with any questions