

Medicaid Expansion FAQ

QUESTION: I applied for health care coverage on the federal marketplace (Healthcare.gov) and received a letter from the N.D. Department of Human Services. Am I covered?

ANSWER: Yes. If your letter says that the application you submitted to the federal marketplace has been assessed as possibly being eligible for Medicaid, the N.D. Department of Human Services is going to temporarily enroll you in Medicaid until your application can be fully processed and North Dakota can determine if you qualify for Medicaid coverage. This is being done to ensure you have health care coverage for January 2014. The temporary coverage may last for up to 90 days, but may be for a shorter period of time if North Dakota processes your application more quickly and determines you do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion coverage. Once your application is processed, you will be notified by mail whether or not you qualify for Medicaid.

QUESTION: I applied for health care coverage on the federal marketplace (Healthcare.gov) and was informed I may qualify for Medicaid, but I have not heard anything else. What do I do?

ANSWER: If the marketplace indicated you may qualify for North Dakota Medicaid coverage, you should receive a letter from the N.D. Department of Human Services. If you have not received a letter, you should apply for Medicaid by calling 1-855-794-7308. If you wish, you can also apply online at <http://apply.dhs.nd.gov> or at your local county social service office.

QUESTION: Is it too late to apply for the Medicaid Expansion?

ANSWER: No, it is not too late to apply. **There is no deadline to apply for Medicaid coverage.** The quickest way to apply for North Dakota's Medicaid Expansion may be to call and apply by phone at **1-855-794-7308**. If you choose, you can still apply online at <http://apply.dhs.nd.gov> or at your local county social service office.

QUESTION: I applied for North Dakota's Medicaid Expansion, but have not received a letter or notice. What do I do?

ANSWER: If you applied online at <http://apply.dhs.nd.gov>, or by calling 1-855-794-7308, or by completing a paper application and submitting it to the N.D. Department of Human Services, or your local county social service office North Dakota is currently reviewing your application and will mail notices out about the status of your application and eligibility for coverage.

QUESTION: Is North Dakota's Medicaid Expansion coverage the same as regular Medicaid?

ANSWER: North Dakota's Medicaid Expansion coverage differs from the regular Medicaid program because coverage is through a managed care organization, eligibility is based on a household's modified adjusted gross income, and assets are not counted. Details are online at www.nd.gov/dhs/medicaidexpansion.

QUESTION: How will I know if I am enrolled?

ANSWER: After your application is processed, you will be notified by mail about whether you have been enrolled in Medicaid.

QUESTION: What if I am told I am not eligible for the Medicaid Expansion?

ANSWER: Those who do not qualify for traditional Medicaid coverage or Medicaid Expansion coverage will need to explore private health care coverage options through the federal Health Insurance Marketplace (Healthcare.gov or 800-318-2596) or by consulting a licensed insurance agent or broker. Federally-approved application assisters called Navigators and Certified Application Counselors can help people seeking private insurance coverage through the federal marketplace. Their contact information is on the Web at <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>.

QUESTION: What if I get a letter saying I am enrolled in Medicaid Expansion coverage and that I will receive an identification card from Sanford Health Plan, but I need to get care after Jan. 1, 2014, and have not received my card?

ANSWER: You can call the Sanford Health Plan member services line at 1-855-305-5060.