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# **Education and Engagement Group**

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**Nebraska Medicaid 101: Outreach & Resources**

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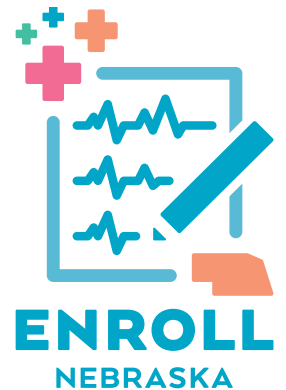


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# Agenda

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- Enroll Nebraska Overview
  - The Uninsured in Nebraska
  - Nebraska Medicaid 101
  - Outreach & Resources
  - Questions and Answers
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# Enroll Nebraska

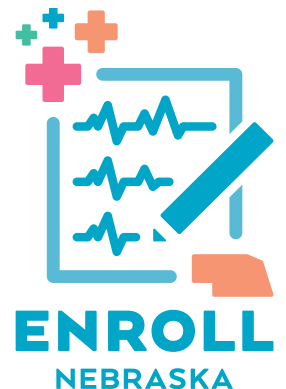
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  - [EnrollNebraska.org](http://EnrollNebraska.org)
    - In Person Assister Map
    - Events Calendar
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# EEG Group Overview

- The **Education and Engagement Group** is the
  - Awareness
  - Outreach
  - Referralportion of Enroll Nebraska.
- Meets every other month
- For participants:  
Low time investment, high impact



# Quick Survey

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# Uninsured in Nebraska

- **2013 – 14.5%**
- **2015 – 10%**
  
- At the end of 2015, 178,000 Nebraskans were uninsured
  
- 35% of those (62,000) are eligible for Medicaid or Marketplace coverage
  
- The rest (115,000) fall into other ineligible categories
  - Immigrant
  - Refugee
  - Medicaid coverage gap



# Nebraska Medicaid 101



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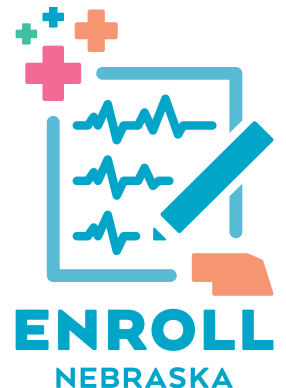
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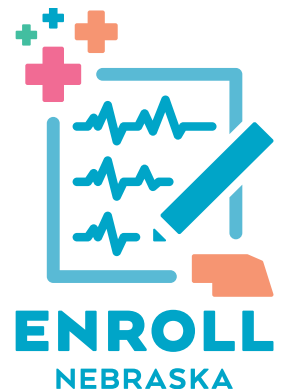
# Overview

- Medicaid and CHIP overview
- Eligibility
  - Categories
- Covered Services
  - Mandatory, Optional, EPSDT
- Immigrant Eligibility
- Application Process
- Due Process and Appeals



# Medicaid and CHIP Overview

- **Medicaid:** provides health insurance to certain, eligible low-income individuals
  - Low-income parents, children, pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities
- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP):** provides health insurance coverage to children under age 19, up to a higher income than Medicaid



# Medicaid Overview

- Federal and state cooperative system
  - *Federal* – Dept. of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
  - *State* – single state agency; Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services



# Medicaid Eligibility

- A person is *not* eligible for Medicaid just by having a low income
- To be eligible, a person must:
  - Have income below a certain level
  - AND
  - Fit into particular category (based on characteristics)
- Must also meet other requirements (citizen/immigration status; residency; assets)



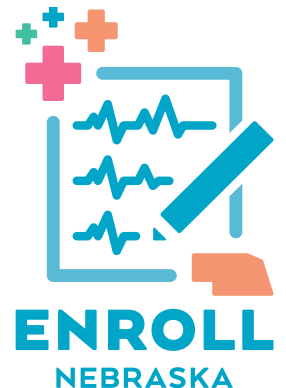
# Medicaid Eligibility: Who is Eligible?

- Low-income individuals must fit into one of the following groups to be eligible:
    - Pregnant women
    - Children
    - Very low-income parents
    - Seniors
    - Individuals with disabilities
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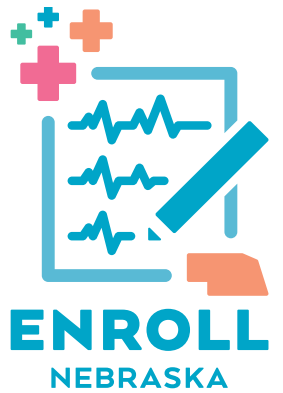


# Medicaid Eligibility: Who is Ineligible?

- Coverage gap (ineligible for Medicaid and Marketplace subsidies)
    - Adults without children
      - Even if income is \$0
    - Some working families without children
      - If earn over \$971/month for family of 3
  - Individuals not lawfully present in US or
  - who are not Nebraska residents
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# Medicaid Covered Services – Mandatory

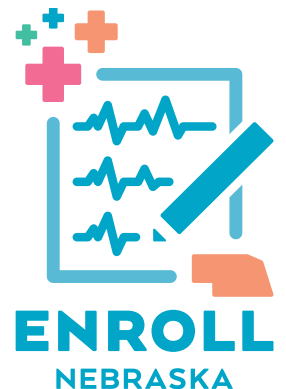
- Federal Medicaid law spells out which services must be covered. These include services such as:
    - Physician services
    - Laboratory/x-ray
    - In-patient, out-patient hospital & nursing facility treatment
  - Also in Nebraska statutes
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# Medicaid Covered Services – Optional

- States have option to cover additional services including:
  - Prescription drugs
  - Prosthetic devices
  - Dental treatment
  - Private duty nursing & personal care
- Also in Nebraska statutes



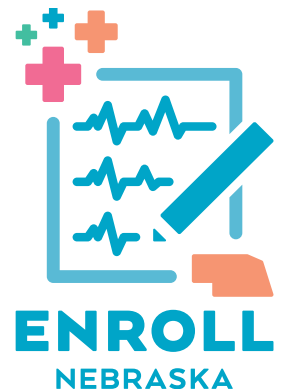
# EPSDT

- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment
  - Mandatory service for Medicaid-eligible children
  - *All necessary treatment within 1396(d)(a) to “correct or ameliorate physical and mental illnesses and conditions,” even if service is not covered under state plan*
  - In other words – no mandatory/optional distinction for kids
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# Immigrants & Medicaid Eligibility

- Limited categories of immigrants are eligible
  - “Qualified alien” and more specific eligibility designations for certain individuals
- All other immigrants considered “not qualified”
  - Includes undocumented immigrants and many persons lawfully present in US
- Residence requirement
- 5 year bar



# Immigrants & Medicaid Eligibility: Special Designations

- Emergency Medicaid
    - Must meet all other Medicaid requirements but immigration status irrelevant
  - 599 CHIP
    - Unborn child option – pregnancy-related services
    - Immigration status of mother irrelevant
  - ICHIA
    - Lawfully-residing children under 19 & pregnant women
    - Expands eligible group, removes 5 year bar
    - Requirements – low income, lawful presence, state residence
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# Application Process

- Apply through FQHC/Health center or DHHS (Access Nebraska)
- Applicant should be ready to provide documents to verify eligibility (i.e. income, citizenship, etc.)
- After application submitted, DHHS has either 45 days (not person with disabilities) or 90 days (person with disabilities)



# Due Process & Appeals

- Applicants and recipients have right to notice and administrative hearings when claims denied or not acted upon with “reasonable promptness”
- What triggers right to appeal
  - Denial of application for benefits OR failure to act with reasonable promptness
  - Reduction, suspension, termination of service
  - Any action or inaction



# Due Process & Appeals

- Timing for filing appeals
  - Clients have **90 days** from date of notice of decision to file appeal
  - If appeal within **10 days**, decision does not take effect and can keep benefits during appeal process *BUT* if client loses appeal, can be required to pay back benefits
- If appeal **after 10 days but within 90 days** and win, can get any back benefits lost during appeal process



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# Resources

## Coverage Under 599 CHIP

Eligibility is determined for the unborn child from conception through birth; therefore, 599 CHIP covers prenatal care, labor and delivery, and the baby's hospital costs. 599 CHIP *does not* cover postpartum care for the mother.<sup>18</sup> Also, there is no presumptive or retroactive coverage under 599 CHIP. There is only coverage back to the first day of the month of application for the unborn child.<sup>19</sup>

After birth, coverage for the baby is not automatic, so it is necessary to submit a Medicaid application for him or her as soon as possible.

### Comparing Eligibility and Coverage in ICHIA and 599 CHIP

	ICHIA	599 CHIP
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otherwise eligible for Medicaid</li> <li>• Lawfully present pregnant women and immigrant children</li> <li>• Qualified statuses</li> <li>• Groups that cannot be enrolled through ICHIA: undocumented immigrants; immigrants temporarily in U.S. (except TPS); DACA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Otherwise eligible for Medicaid BUT ineligible because of status</li> <li>• Do not have to have qualified immigrant status</li> <li>• Can be undocumented</li> </ul>
<b>Coverage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnant women: duration of pregnancy and up to 6 days postpartum</li> <li>• Child – could remain continuously eligible up to age 19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coverage for unborn child, not mother</li> <li>• Covers services from conception to birth-prenatal, labor and delivery, child's hospital costs</li> <li>• Submit Medicaid application for child (now a U.S. citizen) ASAP after birth</li> </ul>

## Immigrant Eligibility for Medicaid Guide

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*Basic Q&A about Administrative Appeals*

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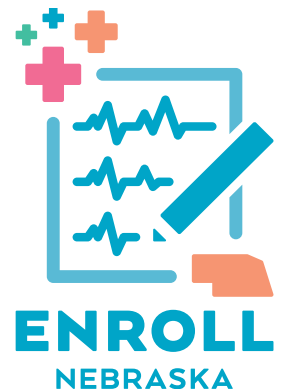
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# Next Steps

## Next Webinar

- **May 17, 12 – 1 pm CST**
  - *Marketplace SHOP Program for Small Businesses*
  - Register at [enroll-ne.org/eeg](https://enroll-ne.org/eeg)

