

CHECK APPLICATION STATUS

It typically takes a minimum of 30 days for eligibility to be determined. Once that determination is made, you will be notified by mail.

To check the status of your application, you can contact the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services at 1-877-395-8930.

You can also contact the Montgomery County Assistance office:

Norristown Office:
(610) 270-3500

Pottstown Office:
(610) 327-4280



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Information Guide



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WHAT IS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE?

Medical Assistance (MA, also known as Medicaid or Medical ACCESS) is a public insurance program. Medical Assistance has the broadest coverage of medical and mental health services for people under 18 of any insurance plan.

WILL MY CHILD QUALIFY?

Many children with disabilities will qualify for Medical Assistance, regardless of their parent's income.

- A child can qualify for Medical Assistance even if he/she has other health insurance (although, the other insurance usually needs to be billed first).
- The income and/or assets of the parents/caregivers does not count in determining eligibility for Medical Assistance, if the child's condition meets certain disability standards.

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTATION

You may need the following documents for your application:

- Recent medical information from a licensed physician (psychiatrist, pediatrician, neurologist, etc.) or licensed psychologist, which includes a diagnosis, prognosis, treatment plan, and medications
- Your child's social security card
- Your child's birth certificate
- Your child's current medical insurance card
- Verification of any income the child receives in his/her name
- Educational documents including IEP, ER, etc.
- Parent's driver's license
- Verification of parental income (two most recent pay stubs)

HOW TO APPLY

Please contact the Medical Access Specialist for assistance with your application.

If you choose to apply on your own:

- Apply online by using COMPASS at www.compass.state.pa.us
OR
- Fill out the PA 600 Form "Application for Health Care Coverage"

If you apply online you can upload your documentation. If you apply with paper application, mail application and documentation to:

Montgomery County Assistance Office:
Norristown District 1
1931 New Hope Street
Norristown, PA 19401 - 9987

If you are a Pottstown resident:

Pottstown Office
24 Robinson Street
Pottstown, PA 19464

