

What Are the Benefits?

Benefits include but are not limited to:

- Emergency and Physician Services
- Mental Health Treatment
- Prescriptions
- Medical Supplies and Equipment
- Rehabilitation Services

What Happens Once My Child is Certified?

The certification stands until the child turns age 18 or you report the medical condition has changed or is no longer disabling.

The child's Medicaid benefits are required to be renewed at least every 12 months. The parents and the child must report and verify all income again to ensure the child is in the correct category.



Learn More about the Children with Special Needs (PH95) Medicaid Category at:

- **Medicaid for Children with Special Needs**
<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/dhs/resources/medicaid/medicaid-children-special-needs-ph95.html>
- **Your local county assistance office or caseworker**
- **The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Helpline at 1-800-692-7462**
- **TTY/TTD users can call 1-800-451-5886**



Pennsylvania
Department of Human Services

Medicaid for Children with Special Needs (PH95)

Provides full and free Medicaid coverage to children with disabilities whose parents make too much money to qualify for traditional Medicaid categories.

PH95 allows special needs children to receive the critical services they need!



Who is Eligible?

To be eligible for PH95, the child must be:

- Under age 18 and a Pennsylvania resident;
- Lawfully present and provide or apply for a Social Security number;
- Disabled according to Social Security Administration (SSA) standards; disabilities include physical, developmental, mental health, or intellectual.

Additional Factors

- The child's countable income must be at or below 100% of the current year's Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG). See <https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>
 - Uses SSA rules for determining countable income. Less than half of the child's earned income is countable!
 - Court-ordered child support and any RSDI income the child receives is excluded.
- Parental income must be verified, but will be excluded in this category.
- The child must not qualify for any other Medicaid category. It is the category of last resort.

How Do I Apply for My Child?

- Online via the COMPASS website at: www.compass.dhs.pa.gov
- Visit your local County Assistance Office (CAO) for assistance in completing an application.
- Download a paper Medical Assistance application at <https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/Apply-for-Benefits.aspx>
- Apply over the Phone at 1-866-550-4355



What do I need to submit with the application?

Documentation that details the child's medical condition must be provided in order for Medicaid to be authorized **presumptively**. **Presumptive eligibility** allows the child to begin receiving Medicaid until their medical condition is certified as meeting SSA's disability criteria. Acceptable disability verification to presumptively authorize PH 95 includes, but is not limited to:

- An Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- An Early Intervention or School Age Evaluation Report
- A Mental Health facility discharge report

What Happens Once My Child is Authorized Presumptively?

The child's medical condition must be verified as meeting SSA's disability criteria by the Department of Human Services' Medical Review Team.

The CAO will send you a letter, requesting additional medical documentation. Documentation being submitted to the CAO must be current, comprehensive and verify all the child's signs, symptoms, findings, duration, and functional impact as it relates to their disability.

If you do not have the medical documentation, take the letter to your child's provider(s) who is treating the condition(s).

Documentation is due within 30 days of the mail date of the letter, but if you need additional time, contact your CAO as soon as possible.

As long as you are cooperating with the request for the documentation, your child's MA can remain open.

