

2021 HEALTH CARE
(THIS INFORMATION IS FOR NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS;
OTHER STATES MAY BE DIFFERENT)

CHECK ELIGIBILITY AND THEN APPLY FOR MEDICAID OR
OTHER GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDIZED HEALTH INSURANCE

During this COVID era, official Medicaid offices are closed except for emergencies. The way to be screened for all subsidized health insurance, and receive help applying, is to go to the “NYS of Health Marketplace.” This is more user-friendly anyway.

At the Marketplace, you will first be screened for eligibility for Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan. If you are not eligible for those government-subsidized health insurance programs, you will be helped to enroll in a different health insurance plan.

To find a NYS of Health Marketplace near you, visit

<https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov>

1. Click on “Get Enrollment Help”
2. Fill in your zip code
3. Under “Type of Agent,” put “ALL”
4. Fill in nothing else
5. Click on “Search”

You will get a list of people to call or email. Click “next” to keep going through all the pages until you find an agency you like. Call or email the person.

For help reviewing options, call NYS of Health at **855-355-5777, ext. 5**, 8am-8pm weekdays, 9am-1pm on Saturdays

- Another way to find the NYS of Health Marketplace is to go to:

<https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/sites/default/files/October%202018%20IPA-Navigator%20Site%20Directory.pdf>

and scroll down to your county. There will be a list of Marketplaces. Call.

- If there have been monetary adjustments to your income, either up or down, call your Marketplace worker or call the general number, **855-355-5777**. Stimulus Payments during this era do not count as income for Health Insurance. Unemployment Insurance payments do in some cases, so you should check with the Marketplace.

INFORMATION ABOUT THESE SPECIFIC SUBSIDIZED HEALTH INSURANCES

The website below is about Medicaid specifically, and it includes an income eligibility chart. The chart is outdated; it gives 2018 income eligibility levels. The 2021 and 2022 numbers are higher, so no worry as long as you meet the 2018 requirements.

https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/sites/default/files/At%20a%20Glance-Medicaid_2.pdf

The following website is about Child Health Plus specifically, and it includes an income eligibility chart. Similarly, the income limits are outdated.

https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/sites/default/files/At%20a%20Glance-Child%20Health%20Plus_0.pdf

The following website is about the Essential Plan. Again, income limits are outdated.

https://info.nystateofhealth.ny.gov/sites/default/files/Essential%20Plan%20Fact%20Sheet_1.pdf

MEDICARE (FOR DISABLED PEOPLE OR THOSE OVER 65)

Medicare has no income limitations. People should apply for Medicare at their local Social Security (SS) office, or, during this COVID era when Social Security offices are closed, at www.socialsecurity.gov

If they are disabled, rather than 65+, they will be given doctor's forms to fill out. Call Social Security to get instructions about sending in documents: **800-772-1213**

TO FIND A DOCTOR WHO ACCEPTS YOUR MEDICAID OR MEDICARE

NYS Medicaid and Child Health Plus Helpline: Call **800-541-2831** Monday-Friday 8am-4:45pm to get help finding a doctor who accepts Medicaid fee-for-service.

Then, for information about a specific doctor, go to www.nydoctorprofile.com Click on "Click here to search for a physician," then "advanced search." Then fill in as much as you can, including clicking on "Medicaid" or "Medicare." Then click "Search." Always call to check.

If you have questions regarding Medicaid Managed Care coverage (enrollment, transferring, or dis-enrollment) for your children, contact NY Medicaid Choice at **800-505-5678**.