



Economic Assistance

BENEFIT OVERVIEW 2024

Community Access and Eligibility

10/2/2024



Economic Assistance

To help people living in Iowa access services and resources that address and improve wellbeing.

Eligibility Programs

■ Medicaid

- Iowa Health and Wellness Plan
- Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki)
- State Supplementary Assistance Programs
- Medicare Buy-In Programs
- Home and Community-Based Services
- Facility Coverage



Eligibility Programs

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Food Distribution
- Rent Reimbursement
- Child Care Assistance
- Family Investment Program
- Refugee Medical Assistance
- Refugee Cash Assistance



Medicaid

Managed Care Organizations



Medical Assistance Eligibility Card

<<FirstName>> <<LastName>>

DOB <<DOB>> ID <<ID#>>

470-1911 (Rev. 09/23)



Effective Date:
Date of Birth:
ID Number: 123456789
Benefit Indicator:

wellpoint.com/tn/medicaid

WELLPOINT

TennCare Medicaid

Member Name: JOHN Q SAMPLE

Primary Care Provider (PCP):

PCP Telephone #:

Vision: 1-800-446-0037

Dental: 1-855-418-1622

Pharmacy: 1-888-816-1680

Wellpoint Member Services/Behavioral Health: (TRS 711)

Nurse Helpline: 1-866-864-2544



iowa total care.

NAME/NOMBRE: JANE C. DOE
MEDICAID ID #: XXXXXXXXXX
DOB: mm/dd/yyyy

PCP Name/Nombre Del PCP: DR. NAME
PCP Phone/Teléfono del PCP: XXXXXX-XXXX

Bring your Iowa Total Care ID card when you see your doctor or go to receive care.
Lleve su tarjeta de identificación de Iowa Total Care cuando vea a su médico o vaya a recibir atención.

If you have an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room (ER).
For non-emergencies, call your PCP or the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line.

Si tiene una emergencia, llame al 911 o vaya a la sala de emergencia más cercana. Si no está seguro de si necesita ir a la sala de emergencia, llame a su PCP o la línea de consejo de enfermería de atención 24/7.



Effective/Fecha Efectiva:
MM/DD/YYYY

RX: XXXXX

RXBIN: XXXXX

RXPCN: XXXXX

RXGRP: XXXXX



Medicaid

Name/Nombre:

RXBIN: 004030

Member ID#:

RXPCN: HCAADADV

DOB:

RXGRP: R0031W

Effective/Fecha efectiva:

Bring your Molina ID card when you see your doctor or go to receive care.

Lleve su tarjeta de identificación de Molina cuando vea a su médico o vaya a recibir atención.

If you have an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room (ER). For non-emergencies, call your primary care provider (PCP) or the 24/7 Nurse Advice Line.

Si tiene una emergencia, llame al 911 o vaya a la sala de emergencia más cercana. Si no está seguro de si necesita ir a la sala de emergencia, llame a su proveedor de cuidados primarios de atención médica (PCP) o la línea de consejo de enfermería de atención 24/7.

Molina Healthcare of Iowa, Inc.

Medicaid How to Apply

- Visit the [Iowa Health and Human Services](https://www.iahs.gov) website and click “Apply for Medicaid”
- [Healthcare.gov](https://www.healthcare.gov)
- At any local HHS office or a federally qualified health center in Iowa
- Mail a completed application to Imaging Center 4, PO Box 2027, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406
- Call 1-855-889-7985 to complete an application over the phone
- Send a completed application to the local HHS office via email (imagingcenter4@dhs.state.ia.us) or fax (515)564-4017

Medicaid How Eligibility is Determined

- No interview required
- Income and resource eligible
- Iowa resident
- U.S. citizen or national, legal permanent resident, or a qualified alien
- 12-month approval period



Medicaid How Eligibility is Determined

- Modified Adjusted Gross Income
- Considers taxable income and tax-filing relationships
- Exempt from MAGI rules follow SSI policy:
 - Blind
 - Disabled
 - 65 and older



Medicaid Who May be Eligible

- Individuals aged 65 or older
- People who are disabled
- People who are blind
- Individuals with breast or cervical cancer
- Families with dependent children
- Pregnant women
- Children up to age 21
- Adults aged 19-64
- Former foster children up to age 26

Medical Assistance Coverage Groups

Coverage Group	Who is Covered	Income Limit
Parents and Caretakers	Parents and caretakers with children under age 18	Dollar amount based on family size
Transitional Medicaid	Families who lost coverage under the Parents and Caretakers group	N/A
Mothers and Children	Pregnant and postpartum women and children under age 19	Children under 1: 375% Children 1-19: 167% Pregnant/postpartum women: 375% FPL
Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki)	Children ages 1-18	302% FPL
Iowa Health and Wellness Plan (IHAWP)	Adults ages 19-64	133% FPL
Child Medical Assistance Program	Children under 21 placed in licensed foster care or with a subsidized adoption agreement who are not IV-E eligible	NA
Medicaid for Independent You Adults	Youth under 21 who have been in foster care	254% FPL
Former Foster Care	Young adults aged 18 to 26 who were formerly in foster care	N/A
Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment	Under age 65 and must be screened and diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer	250% FPL

Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki)

- Provides full health coverage and a dental-only option for children of working families whose income is too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to afford individual or employer-sponsored health care
- Some families pay a monthly premium for Hawki, but no family pays more than \$40 per month



Iowa Health and Wellness Plan

- Iowans 19-64
- Alternative benefit plan unless eligible for Traditional Medicaid benefits
- Healthy behaviors activities expected
- Monthly premium may be required



Medicaid for 65 or Older or Disabled or Blind

Coverage Group	Who is Covered?
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	SSA determines: Aged, blind, disabled, and income/asset limits met
SSI-related	Would get SSI except for specific circumstances
Medicare Savings Programs	People who need help paying their Medicare premiums
Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities	Disabled people under 65 with earnings
Medicaid for Kids with Special Needs	Children up to age 18 who have been determined disabled
Medical Institutions	People who need help paying for care in a hospital or nursing facility
State Supplemental Assistance	People who need help paying for care in their own home
HCBS Waivers	People who need help paying for care in their own homes
Program for the All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly	People who want to enroll with a PACE organization to provide them with specialized managed care

SSI Related Medicaid

- For elderly or disabled individuals with income below the SSI income standard and resources under \$2,000
- The SSI standard for an individual is \$943 in 2024
- The SSI income standard for a couple is \$1,415 in 2024



Medicare Savings Program

- Pay Medicare Part B premium, and in some instances, also cover Medicare co-insurances and deductibles
- Income below 135% FPL
- Resources under \$9,430 for individuals and \$14,130 for couples



Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities

- Under age 65
- Must have earnings from employment or self-employment
- Family income below 250% FPL
- Resources under \$12,000 for individuals and \$13,000 for a couple
- May be required to pay a monthly premium



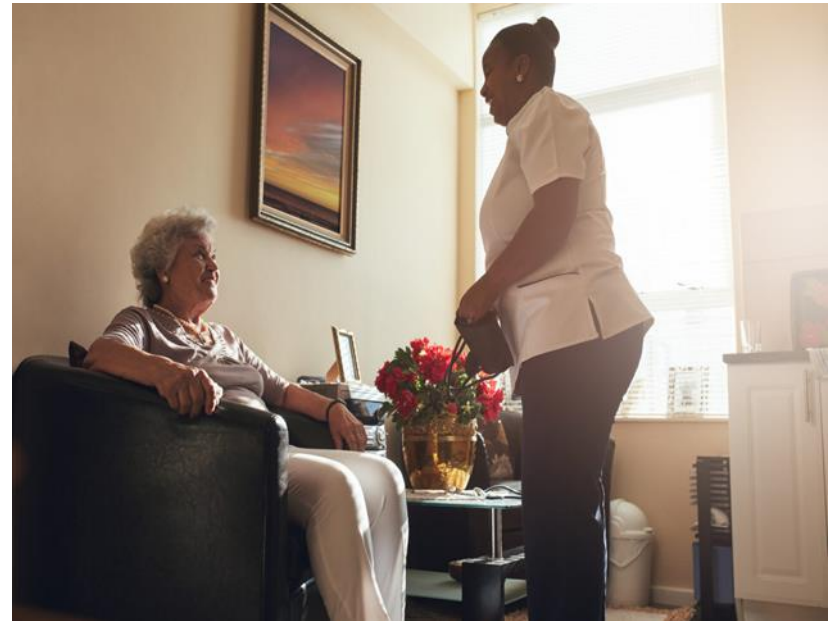
State Supplemental Assistance

- Supplements the income of persons receiving federal SSI benefits or would be eligible for SSI except their income exceeds SSI limits
- The purpose is to supplement the SSI program when a person has a financial need that is not met by the SSI program
- Resources under \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a married couple living together



Home and Community-Based Services

- Allows members to stay in their homes instead of going to a long-term care facility
- Provides services not available through traditional Medicaid
- Income under 300% of the SSI standard \$2,829
- Resources under \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a married couple living together



Facility Coverage

- Pays for people in medical institutions
- Income under 300% of the SSI standard \$2,829
- Resources under \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a married couple living together
- Medicaid members are required to participate in the cost of care by paying client participation



Presumptive Eligibility

- Immediate access to temporary healthcare while a full determination of eligibility is being completed
- HHS authorizes the presumptive provider to make presumptive eligibility determinations
- Iowa HHS provides oversight to ensure proper administration of Presumptive Eligibility



Health Insurance Premium Payment Program

- Uses a cost-effective test to determine if savings will result to HHS by paying the cost of the policyholder's health insurance
- A review of cost-effectiveness is done at least annually or whenever there is a change in the insurance coverage or Medicaid eligibility
- Each cost-effective test is unique and based on the member's Medicaid eligibility and the details of their health insurance coverage

Medicaid Estate Recovery

- All medical assistance paid out by the Department is subject to recovery
- Under age 55, residing in a medical facility, unlikely to return home
- Over age 55, at the time of death
- If the member has no assets in their estate, there is no recovery



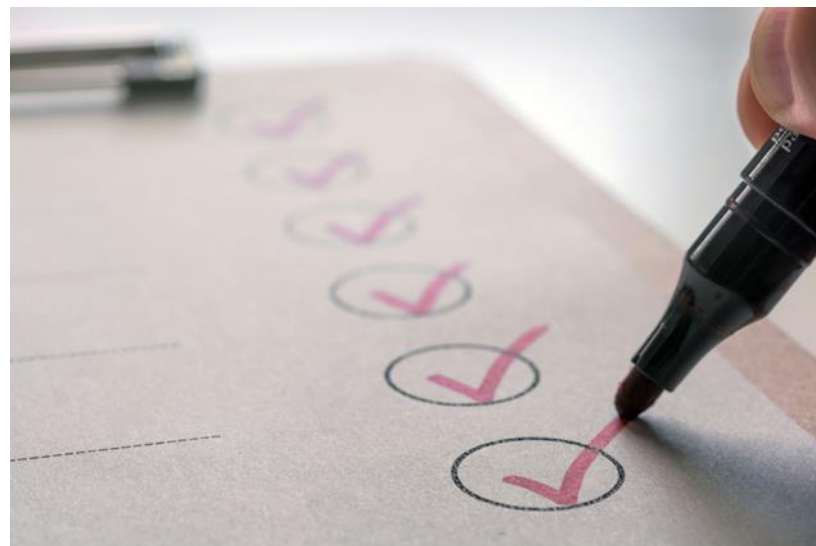
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP How to Apply

- Visit the [Iowa Health and Human Services](#) website and click “Apply for Food Assistance”
- At any local HHS office
- Mail a completed application to Imaging Center 4, PO Box 2027, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52406
- Send a completed application to the local HHS office via email (imagingcenter4@dhs.state.ia.us) or fax (515)-564-4017

SNAP How Eligibility is Determined

- Interview required
- Iowa resident
- Income and resource eligible
- Other non-income eligibility requirements
- Certified for 6 or 12 months



SNAP Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card

- Use anywhere SNAP is accepted
- Use to purchase fruit, vegetables, meat, eggs, cheese, dairy, baked goods, herbs, honey, jam and jelly, seeds and plants, etc.
- SNAP benefits not used carry over into the next month



SNAP Related Programs

- SNAP Employment and Training
- Wireless EBT Project (Farmers Market)
- SNAP Education



SNAP Employment and Training

- Free voluntary work and training program
- Job-seeking skills, classroom training, and structured employment search
- Iowa Workforce Development administers the program



SNAP Employment and Training Providers

- Southeastern Community College
- Kirkwood Community College
- Hawkeye Community College
- Iowa Western Community College.
- Des Moines Area Community College
- Central Iowa Shelter and Services
- Des Moines Council of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
- Evelyn K. Davis Center
- Goodwill of the Heartland
- Project Iowa

SNAP Employment and Training Referrals

- At least 18
- Need additional skills to reenter the workplace
- Need to regain certification or licensure or upskill in an area in which they are already trained
- Are abled-bodied adults with no dependents and wish to meet work requirements through involvement in the E&T program



SNAP Employment and Training Components

- Supervised job search
- Integrated education and training
- Basic educational services
- Expanded educational services
- Job retention services
- Work readiness
- On-the-job training
- Internship



SNAP Wireless EBT Project (Farmers Market)

- Purchase locally grown farm fresh food
- Cards can be used with participating farmers at farmers markets and roadside stands



SNAP Education

- Promote good nutrition
- Active lifestyle
- Healthier communities



Food Distribution

- HACAP – Hawkeye Area Community Action Program
- Food Bank for the Heartland
- Food Bank of Iowa
- Northeast Iowa Food Bank
- River Bend Food Bank
- Siouxland Food Bank



Food Distribution

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program
- Distributes food to those who are 60 and over and meet income guidelines
- Boone, Dallas, Jasper, Polk, Story and Warren



Rent Reimbursement

Rent Reimbursement Requirements

- 65 years of age or older
- Disabled and 18-64
- Income less than \$25,328
- Live in Iowa
- Paid rent in Iowa at a property that pays property tax



Rent Reimbursement How to Apply

- Visit the [Iowa Health and Human Services](#) website and click “Apply for Services”
- Iowa’s Aging and Disability Resource Center 1-866-465-7887
- Visit [LIFELONG LINKS](#)
- [Iowa Community Action Association](#)
- At any local HHS office
- Rent Reimbursement Unit 515-420-6077

Rent Reimbursement Claims

2022
Claims

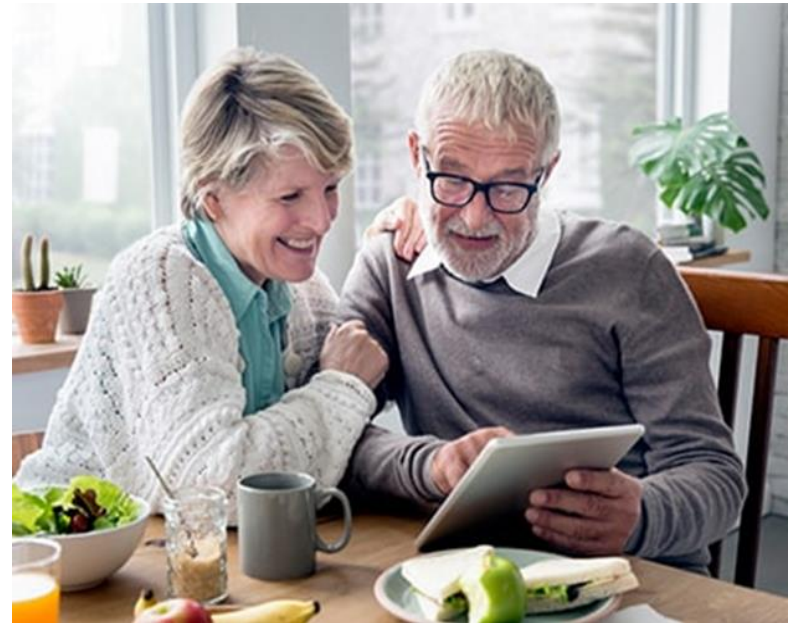
December 31,
2024

2023
Claims

December 31,
2025

Rent Reimbursement Claims Paid

- Total claims paid in 2023: 18,801
- Total reimbursement distributed in 2023: \$10,739,452



Income Maintenance Customer Service Call Center

- Assist participants in reporting changes for their Medicaid, SNAP, and Family Investment Program cases
- Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
- 1-877-347-5678



Continued Improvement for Iowans

- Welcoming and Efficient Front Door
- Outside Consultation
 - Public Consulting Group
- Optimize Technology
 - Modernize IT systems
 - Artificial Intelligence
- Work groups
 - Streamline process
 - Improve accuracy
 - Equitable services



Thank you for your time.

If you have additional questions regarding the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, please visit our website at <https://hhs.iowa.gov>



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