

How to Apply for Medicaid when You're Pregnant

Steps	What to do	Details / Notes
01	Check Eligibility	Review your state’s income limits and residency rules for pregnancy Medicaid
02	Gather Documents	Needed: Proof of pregnancy, ID, income, and household size
03	Choose Application Method	Options: Online, phone, mail, or in person through your state’s Medicaid office
04	Submit Your Application	Follow your state’s process — many have fast-track systems for pregnant applicants
05	Track Application Status	You’ll usually get a response in 1–4 weeks; some states offer real-time updates
06	Use Temporary Coverage (If Eligible)	Ask about “Presumptive Eligibility” to get short-term coverage right away
07	Receive Medicaid Card / Number	Once approved, you’ll get your Medicaid ID to use at medical appointments