



# WHY MEDICAID?

## Ongoing

Since January 2014, changes have allowed more Coloradans to get insurance through Medicaid.

## When to Apply

All new and renewing Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP) clients who may meet the income requirements for Medicaid may apply for Medicaid. Once eligibility is determined, coverage may backdate 90 days prior to application. Medicaid has no monthly premiums and copays are lower with Medicaid than CICP for most people.

## Advantages of Applying Now

The sooner you apply, the sooner you will find out if you qualify for Medicaid. All U.S. citizens and legal residents who have not obtained qualifying coverage will be assessed a tax penalty.

## Quick Comparison: CICP vs. Medicaid

Services Covered	CICP	Medicaid
Emergency Care	Yes	Yes
Health Insurance	No	Yes
Prescription Drug Coverage	Limited	Yes
Durable Medical Equipment	No	Yes
Statewide	Limited	Yes
Physician Services Covered	Limited	Yes
Specialist Services	Limited	Yes
Dental Coverage	No	Yes
Behavioral Health Services	No	Yes
Regional Care Collaborative*	No	Yes

\*The Regional Care Collaborative connects Medicaid clients to Medicaid health care providers and also helps Medicaid clients find community and social services in their area.

CICP Providers are only required to treat patients for emergency care. It is up to the provider to decide which other types of services they are willing to cover under CICP.



## How to Apply

Applying for Medicaid is convenient and confidential using PEAK. Eligibility for food, cash assistance, and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) can also be determined using PEAK.

[Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://colorado.gov/PEAK)

*Toll free: 1-800-221-3943*

*TDD: 1-800-659-2656*

## If Denied

If you apply for Medicaid and are determined not eligible, you may still be eligible for CICIP. Make an appointment with a CICIP provider where you live to fill out your application and bring your Medicaid denial letter with you. To find a CICIP provider where you live, visit the HCPF website or call using the phone numbers below. You can also apply for health insurance through Connect for Health Colorado.

[Colorado.gov/hcpf](https://colorado.gov/hcpf)

*Toll free: 1-800-221-3943*

[ConnectforHealthCO.com](https://connectforhealthco.com)

*Toll free: 1-855-PLANS4YOU*

*(855-752-6749)*

