Cardinal Care Fact Sheet: Medicaid for Current and Former Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Recipients

Most Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients are eligible for Medicaid. Certain former SSI recipients who returned to work and were given 1619(b) status by the Social Security Administration (SSA) may also be eligible.

Eligibility Rules

Non-Financial Eligibility Rules

- Be a Virginia resident
- Be a US citizen or meet the immigration status requirements for Medicaid.
- Have a Social Security Number (SSN), applied for an SSN, or meet an exception.
- Receive SSI (of any amount) or previously received SSI, have 1619(b) status and received Medicaid the month before you first gained 1619 (b) status.

Only the Social Security Administration can determine if you meet 1619 (b) status requirements.

Financial Eligibility Rules

Income: Virginia Medicaid accepts a person's eligibility for SSI or 1619(b) status as verification that they meet Medicaid income limit requirements; no additional income verification is needed.

Resources: Virginia Medicaid counts certain 'real property' as resources that are not counted for determining SSI eligibility. If a person does not have real property, they are determined to meet the Medicaid resource limit. If they do, the value of their total countable resources (those counted for SSI eligibility plus their real property) cannot be more than $2,000 for an individual or $3,000 for a couple.

If you do not meet the eligibility rules for the SSI Medicaid covered group, you may be eligible for full or limited coverage under different covered group. It is important to apply so a full eligibility determination can be completed.

Coverage Details

ABD Medicaid provides comprehensive coverage including medical, behavioral health and dental care. If you are enrolled in Medicare, Medicaid will also pay for your Medicare Part A and Part B premiums and cost-sharing.

If approved, Medicaid coverage will begin the first day of the month that you submitted your application and may be retroactive for up to three months if you were eligible during that time.

Application & Ongoing Eligibility Reviews

Application

Medicaid applications can be submitted:

- Online at **www.commonhelp.virginia.gov**.
- Over the phone with the Cover Virginia Call Center at 1-855-242-8282 (TDD: 1-888-221-1590), Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Mail to:

  Cardinal Care Correspondence Center
  P.O. Box 1820
  Richmond, VA 23218
- Fax or in-person to your local Department of Social Services (LDSS).

Application forms can be downloaded from **www.coverva.dmas.virginia.gov/apply/applications/** or requested at your LDSS.

Ongoing Eligibility: Changes and Renewals

Medicaid eligibility is reviewed on a regular basis, including when changes are reported and during the periodic renewal process. Changes that may impact your eligibility, such as the loss of SSI, must be reported within 10 days. During the renewal process, a renewal form will be sent to you when additional information is needed to confirm continued eligibility. It is important that you complete and return the renewal and all requested information. Medicaid coverage may be canceled if a renewal is not completed or requested information is not provided by the due date.

Renewals can be completed online at **www.commonhelp.virginia.gov,** by calling Cover Virginia at 1-855-242-8282, or by returning the completed form to the Cardinal Care Correspondence Center or your LDSS.

Have More Questions?

For questions, additional help, or language assistance services or large-print, Medicaid and FAMIS members are encouraged to call Cover Virginia at 1-833-5CALLVA (TDD: 1-888-221-1590).