

# What is Medicaid?

- Joint Federal/State program
- Provides health care coverage for low-income and disabled individuals and families
- Every state has a unique Medicaid program
- Medicaid covers many services to include doctor visits, hospital care, prescriptions, mental health services, transportation and other services
- 1 out of 3 District residents receive quality health care through the Medicaid Program

# Medicaid Under the ACA

## *Expands Access to Affordable Coverage*

- Creates new eligibility group for childless adults aged 21-64 with income up to 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
  - Implemented July 2010
- Creates new mandatory eligibility group for foster care youth who age out of the system – they will be eligible for Medicaid coverage up to age 26
  - Effective January 1, 2014

# **Medicaid Under the ACA:**

## ***Simplifies Medicaid and CHIP***

- Replaces complex income rules in place today for non-disabled parents, children, pregnant women, and childless adults
- Modernizes eligibility verification rules to rely primarily on electronic data
- Passive renewals-Effective April 2014

# Medicaid Eligibility Changes Under ACA

Rules Today	New World Rules
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Current Household: Based on legal responsibility; parents and children living together, spouse to spouse</li><li>2. Step-parent income not counted towards step-child</li><li>3. Children under 18 and siblings income not counted</li><li>4. Pregnant women counted as household of 2</li></ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. MAGI Household: based on primary tax payer, their spouse and all tax dependents</li><li>2. Step-parent income is counted towards the step-child</li><li>3. If child under 18 makes enough money to be required to file taxes, income is counted</li><li>4. Pregnant Women( self + number of expecting children)</li></ol>

# Income Levels for Medicaid

There is no asset or resource test

Across the board 5% income disregard

Uses MAGI income methodology

- Parent/caretaker and Childless adults (age 21-64): 200% FPL
- Family: 200% FPL
- Pregnant women and Children: 300% FPL

Threshold in FPL	For 1 person household, monthly	For 2 person household, monthly	For 3 person household, monthly	For 4 person household, monthly
200	\$1,915	\$2,585	\$3,255	\$3,925
300	\$2,873	\$3,878	\$4,883	\$5,888

# Individuals Receiving Medicare

- As a QMB (**Q**ualified **M**edicare **B**eneficiary) or QMB Plus enrollee, Medicaid pays your Medicare Part A and B premiums and deductibles. It also grants automatic eligibility for the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program, which helps pay for your Medicare Part D prescription drug benefits.
- QMB Plus enrollees also receive full Medicaid benefits
- There is no resource test for the QMB or QMB Plus program
- To enroll in either program, you must
  - Be eligible for Medicare Part A
  - Be a District resident
  - Be at or below the income threshold



Program	Income threshold (FPL)	Income threshold (dollars)
QMB Plus	100	958
QMB	300	2,873

Income thresholds for DC QMB and QMB Plus Programs for 2013

# Current Application Process

## Can apply immediately for Medicaid

1. Fill out an application
  2. Mail or fax the application and supporting documents to an ESA Service Center
  3. ESA has up to 45 days to decide eligibility
- Forms and Service Center locations **call (202) 724-5506**

### Service Centers Locations:

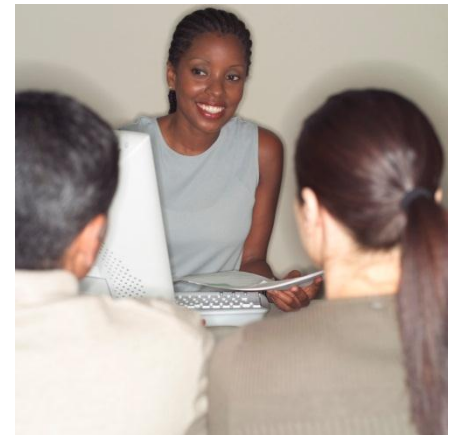
- Anacostia: 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave, SE
- Congress Heights: 4001 S. Capitol St., SW
- Fort Davis: 3851 Alabama Avenue, SE
- H Street: 645 H Street, NE
- Taylor Street: 1207 Taylor St., NW

# Future Medicaid Process

*Effective October 1, 2013:*

- Applicants can apply through an online portal (DC Health Link), or by phone, fax, or in person at a service center
- Electronic data sources check eligibility factors in real time for determinations
- Automated renewals of eligibility – no need to come into a service center
- Application assistance available by phone or in person

**Many ways to apply – “No wrong door”**





# Useful Information to have when applying for Health Coverage

- Individuals
  - A copy of your federal tax return, and if you don't have one that's OK!
  - Recent Pay stubs or income information for you and your household members
  - Social Security numbers for you and your household members
  - Immigration documents, where applicable
  - Note: you can still apply if you do not have these documents available

# Things you Should Know

- October 1, 2013- September 30, 2014 you will have to submit a separate application for Medical insurance than for other public benefits.
- In order to receive help with paying your insurance premiums, you must request financial help for insurance on the online application.
- If you are already receiving Medicaid you do not have to do anything different on October 1, 2013.

# Thank you!

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