



Applying for Medicaid for a Child with a Disability

You can apply for Medicaid in many ways in Pennsylvania. The PH-95 Category is one way. The PH-95 Category is for children (under 18 years old) with disabilities and delays. It does not matter how much money you make, your child can still get Medicaid in the PH-95 category.



Write in large print on the cover of the application
"Child with Disability Category PH-95"

OR



Type "Child with Disability Category PH-95" in the comment/notes section. You can do the application online on the COMPASS website:

www.compass.state.pa.us

Note: There is a question on the application that asks if anyone in your household is "disabled, seriously injured, or in need of medical attention". You must choose YES. Then, in the spaces provided, write the full name of your child with a disability and their diagnosis. This could be "Developmental Delay".



Proof of a Child's Disability:

Signed papers from a doctor or licensed clinician (like an evaluation report, treatment plan, or IFSP/IEP) that has:

- Your child's diagnosis
- Detailed information about how your child's diagnosis affects him or her
- What treatments your child needs

Note: Evaluations should be from the past 6 months. PH-95 uses the Social Security Guidelines to say if a child can get Medicaid because of their disability. Give as much information as you can.

Financial Information:



- All pay stubs for the past month (for each job that you have)
- Letters that say you get Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), TANF/Cash Assistance, Unemployment, or Child Support
- If you are self employed: Most recent IRS Form 1040 (include all of the schedules that you file)
- If you are paid in cash: Provide a letter from your employer that says how much money you make
- Proof of SSI (SSI Application Summary Letter or Letter of Denial Based on Income)
- Sometimes CAOs will ask you to go through the screening process for SSI for your child. After being screened for SSI, you should provide either:

1. An application summary letter that says that you are applying for SSI for your child.

-OR-

2. A letter saying that your child was denied for SSI because of how much money you make. You should ask for one of these letters to be mailed to you after the screening process. Either one of these letters should be included with your application.

You May Also Be Asked For:



- Your Pennsylvania driver's license or state ID
- Recent mail to your address (like an electric bill)
- Proof of your child's identity
- For U.S. citizens: your child's social security card, original birth certificate, or U.S. Passport
- For non-citizens: documents showing immigration status (such as a green card or asylum/refugee papers)
- Health insurance policy numbers for your child's primary health insurance

Renewing Your Medicaid:

(You will need to renew every 12 months)

If you apply online:

Most of the information from last year will be saved.

If you use the paper application:

The CAO will send you the application with last year's information filled in.



You May Have to Update:



- Your income
- Your address
- Other papers that show your child's diagnosis

Please note: if your child loses Medicaid because of a change in your income, make sure you reapply using this PH-95 resource.

Need More Information or Help?

Contact your child's
Early Intervention Service Coordinator:

