

GROUP	BENEFITS	BASIC MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**					SPECIAL PROVISIONS EFFECTIVE 07/2025
		BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT	WHOSE INCOME and RESOURCES COUNT	MONTHLY INCOME LIMIT Updated 04/2026	RESOURCE LIMIT Updated 04/2026	DEDUCTIBLE/SPEND DOWN	
S-ABD, SSI cases	Full Medicaid coverage only if a Medicaid application is submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beneficiaries receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) -Federal cash assistance program for the aged, blind, and disabled, are automatically entitled to Medicaid. No separate application or Medicaid determination is required.</li> <li>Beneficiaries receiving State/County Special Assistance (SA) - program for aged and disabled individuals who are primarily in adult care facilities- includes Medicaid eligibility.</li> <li>Beneficiaries receiving Special Assistance In-Home- the individual must be determined Medicaid categorically needy eligible.</li> </ul>					
Aged MAA	Full Medicaid Coverage	Age 65 or older	Spouse's income and resources if live together	100% of Poverty Level 1 – \$1,330 2 – \$1,804	SSI Limits 1 - \$2,000 2 - \$3,000	YES	<p>If income exceeds income limit and the indicator is "yes," the individual or family may be able to be eligible for Medicaid if they can meet a deductible. See discussion of <u>Medical Deductible</u> on page 2 of this same column.</p> <p><b>Individuals in nursing facilities</b> generally do not have to meet a deductible to be eligible for Medicaid. However, they must pay all of their monthly income, less a \$70 personal needs allowance and the cost of medical expenses not covered by Medicaid or other insurance to the nursing facility. Medicaid pays the remainder of their cost of care.</p> <p><b>Protection of income for spouse at home:</b> When an individual is in a nursing facility and has a spouse living at home, a portion of the income of the spouse in the facility may be protected to bring the income of the spouse at home up to a level specified by federal law. Currently, that amount is \$2,643.75/mo. and can be as much as \$3,948.00 depending upon at-home spouse's cost for housing. The amount protected for the at-home spouse is not counted in determining the eligibility of the spouse in the nursing facility.</p> <p><b>Protection of resources for spouse at home:</b> Additionally, the countable resources of the couple are combined and a portion is protected for the spouse at home. That portion is ½ the total value of the countable resources, but currently not less than \$31,584 or more than \$157,920. The amount protected for the at-home spouse is not countable in determining the eligibility of the spouse in the facility.</p> <p><b>Transfer of resources:</b> When a person gives away resources and does not receive compensation with a value at least equal to that of the resources given away, he may be penalized. Medicaid will not pay for care in a nursing facility or care provided under the Community Alternative Program (CAP) or other in-home health services &amp; supplies for a period of time that depends on the value of the transferred resource.</p>
Blind MAB	Full Medicaid Coverage	Blind by Social Security Standards	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	100% of Poverty Level 1 – \$1,330 2 – \$1,804	SSI Limits 1 - \$2,000 2 - \$3,000	YES	
Disabled MAD	Full Medicaid Coverage	Disabled by Social Security Standards	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	100% of Poverty Level 1 – \$1,330 2 – \$1,804	SSI Limits 1 - \$2,000 2 - \$3,000	YES	
Health Care for Working Disabled (HCWD) MAD	Full Medicaid Coverage	For Basic Coverage, the beneficiary does not have to meet the Social Security SGA requirement to be disabled. For Medically Improved coverage, the beneficiary does not have to meet the Social Security medical requirements for disability.	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	150% of Poverty Level 1 - \$1,995 2 - \$2,705  200% of Poverty Level 1 - \$2,660 2 - \$3,607	Min. CSR limit \$32,532	NO	
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries MQB-Q	Payment of Medicare premiums and deductibles and co-insurance charges for Medicare covered services	Entitled to Medicare Parts A & B	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	100% of Poverty Level 1 – \$1,330 2 – \$1,804	1 - \$9,950 2 - \$14,910	NO	
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries MQB-B	Payment of Medicare Part B premium	Entitled to free Medicare Part A	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	120% of Poverty Level 1 - \$1,596 2 - \$2,164	1 - \$9,950 2 - \$14,910	NO	
Qualifying Individual MQB-E	Payment of Medicare Part B Premiums	Entitled to free Medicare Part A	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	135% of Poverty Level 1 - \$1,796 2 - \$2,435	1 - \$9,950 2 - \$14,910	NO	
Working Disabled MWD	Payment of Medicare Part A premiums	Lost entitlement to free Medicare A due to earnings but still has disabling impairment.	Spouse's income and resources if live together. Parents' income and resources if under age 18 and live with parents.	200% of Poverty Level 1 - \$2,660 2 - \$3,607	2X SSI Limits 1 - \$4,000 2 - \$6,000	NO	
Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)	Full Medicaid Coverage	Age 18 and older and eligible for MAABD or SAABD	Spouse's income and resources if live together.	300% of Poverty Level 1-\$3,990 2-\$5,410	SSI Limits 1 - \$2,000 2 - \$3,000	NO	

NOTE: Total number of eligible individuals is limited to available funds.

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Families & Children MAF	Full Medicaid Coverage	Parents/Caretaker Relatives, and the spouse must be living with and caring for a child to whom they are related who is under age 18. Children must be under age 21.	MAGI Methodology.	1 - \$434 2 - \$569 3 - \$667 4 - \$744 5 - \$824	NO	YES	If income exceeds income limit and the indicator is "yes" the individual or family may be able to be eligible for Medicaid if they can meet a deductible <b>Medicaid Deductible:</b> When an individual/family is ineligible for Medicaid due to income over the income limit, they may become eligible by meeting a Medicaid deductible. The deductible is determined by subtracting the Medically Needy Income Limit (MNIL) (see limits below) from the countable monthly income to determine the monthly excess income. Medicaid deductibles are generally determined for 6 months, so the monthly excess income is multiplied by 6 to determine the 6-mo. deductible. Once medical bills for which they are responsible totaling the amount of the deductible are incurred, they are authorized for the rest of the 6-mo. period. Medicaid cannot pay for any of the bills applied to the deductible.
Pregnant Women MPW	Full Medicaid	A self-attestation of pregnancy and due date can be accepted as proof of pregnancy unless the county has information that contradicts the attestation.	MAGI Methodology	196% of Poverty Level 1 - \$2,607 2 - \$3,535 3 - \$4,463 4 - \$5,390 5 - \$6,318	NO	NO	When determining the family size for the pregnant woman the unborn child is included. For example, the family size for a single pregnant woman would be 2.
Children age 0 thru 18 MIC	Full Medicaid Coverage	Must be age 0 thru age 18.	MAGI Methodology	211% of Poverty Level 1 - \$2,807 2 - \$3,806 3 - \$4,804 4 - \$5,803 5 - \$6,802	NO	NO	
Title IV-E Children IAS	Full Medicaid Coverage	IV-E Adoption Subsidy and Foster Care for a child residing in NC and receiving IV-E Foster Care regardless of the state providing assistance.	There is no income.		NO	NO	<b>Resource limit:</b> All deductible cases have a resource limit: \$3,000 for families and children and \$2,000 (1) and \$3,000 (2) for aged, blind and disabled. <b>MNIL:</b> 1 - \$242 2 - \$317 3 - \$367 4 - \$400 5 - \$433
State Foster Care Children	Full Medicaid Coverage	A child under 21 and currently in the legal custody of the state sponsored foster care and ineligible for Title IV-E.	MAGI Methodology	1. MAGI 2. MAF-M	\$3,000 (MAF-M)	YES	
Expanded Foster Care	Full Medicaid Coverage	Be 18-20 and had been in Foster Care at age 18 and enrolled in Medicaid program.	MAGI Methodology	1. MAGI 2. MAF-M	\$3,000 (MAF-M)	YES	

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Non-IV-E/ Special Needs Adoption	Full Medicaid Coverage	Children with medical or rehabilitative needs, which are barriers to adoption are considered special needs adoption children. These children are ineligible through Title IV-E because at the time of placement in foster care they did not meet IV-E requirements.	MAGI Methodology	1. MAGI 2. MAF-M 3. Authorize ongoing Medicaid <b>(See Notes)</b>	NO	YES	If ineligible under MAGI, the child must have been enrolled in or eligible for Medicaid immediately before the adoption agreement, is under a Non-IV-E state adoption agreement or determined to be special needs by the State adoption assistance agreement.
MFC- Medicaid for Former Foster Care	Full Medicaid Coverage	Be age 18-26 and have been in foster care at age 18 and enrolled in NC Medicaid.	There is no income.		NO	NO	Effective January 1, 2023: Individuals who turn age 18 that were in foster care and receiving Medicaid in any state.
Breast & Cervical Cancer Medicaid MAF-W	Full Medicaid Coverage	Be under the age 65 and not enrolled in any creditable medical insurance. Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP) provider determines eligibility for Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid (BCCM).	There is no income (BCCM).		NO	NO	
Family Planning MAF-D	Family Planning Program	NO AGE LIMIT	MAGI Methodology	195% of Poverty Level 1 - \$2,594 2 - \$3,517 3 - \$4,440 4 - \$5,636 5 - \$6,286	NO	NO	If a beneficiary's income increases to more than 195%, he/she will be ineligible for family planning coverage.
Transitional Medicaid (TMA)	Full Medicaid Coverage	A beneficiary may receive up to twelve months of Transitional Medicaid (TMA) when ineligible for MAF-C because of new or increased income.	MAGI Methodology	185% of Poverty Level 1 - \$2,461 2 - \$3,337 3 - \$4,212 4 - \$5,088 5 - \$5,964	NO	NO	Must have been eligible for MAF-C in North Carolina in at least three of the six months immediately preceding the first month of ineligibility. There must be an eligible child receiving Medicaid
Medicaid Expansion (MXP)	Full Medicaid Coverage	Age 19 or over and under age 65.	MAGI Methodology	133% of Poverty Level 1 - \$1,769 2 - \$2,399 3 - \$3,028 4 - \$3,658 5 - \$4,288	NO	NO	

\*\*\*This chart addresses benefits and basic eligibility requirements. Other requirements (such as citizenship/alien status, incarceration, & state residence) which can also affect eligibility, or the level of benefits are not reflected on this chart. **Revised 4/1/2026**