

Health Choice

HealthChoice is Maryland's statewide managed care program that began in 1997. The *HealthChoice* program provides healthcare to most Medicaid members.

Who is eligible for *HealthChoice*? The *HealthChoice* program is for Medicaid enrolled individuals. Approximately 75% of Medicaid members are in *HealthChoice*. If you qualify for Medicaid because you receive payments from either Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA), or as a result of the Medicaid or Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) application process, you probably will be eligible for *HealthChoice*.

What services are covered by *HealthChoice*? Covered services include:

- inpatient and outpatient hospital care
- doctor visits (well and sick care)
- laboratory and x-ray services
- immunizations (shots)
- mental health and substance abuse care
- specialist care and related therapies
- prenatal and post-partum visits for pregnant women
- family planning services
- prescription drugs
- dental care
- medical supplies

How do I enroll in the *HealthChoice* Program? When you become eligible for *HealthChoice*, you will be sent materials regarding each Managed Care Organization (MCO) available in your county of residence so that you can choose your own provider. The information packet that you receive will include:

- a directory containing the names and addresses of participating providers;
- a chart that lists all of the MCOs in Maryland and the benefits that each one provides;
- the forms necessary to select your MCO;
- a Health Service Needs Information Form (so that your MCO will know right away about any of your current health needs), and;
- the toll-free telephone number of the enrollment unit.

HealthChoice requires you to reapply every year.

How soon do I have to choose an MCO? You will have 21 days to select an MCO. The 21 days is counted from the day that your eligibility notification and information packet are mailed to you. If the new *HealthChoice* member is a child in Foster Care or Kinship Care, the MCO choice must be made within 60 days.

If you do not pick an MCO, the State will pick one for you!

How will I know when my enrollment is completed? When you are found eligible for *HealthChoice*, you will receive a Medical Care Program card to use until you are enrolled in the MCO that you select. **KEEP THIS CARD!** You will also need it to get any care that *HealthChoice* covers but your MCO does not provide. Within 10 days of enrolling in an MCO, you will receive your MCO card and a new member packet.

For more information, please call: (410) 649-0512



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