

I applied for Medicaid. Now what?

Medicaid is free or very low cost health insurance for people with low income. In Missouri, it is also known as MO HealthNet.

Medicaid is different from Medicare, which is health insurance for people over age 65. Medicaid is also different from the Marketplace or Obamacare, which is for people who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid.



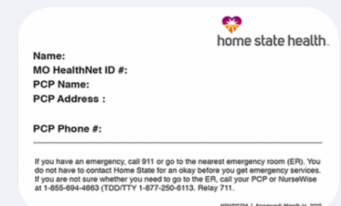
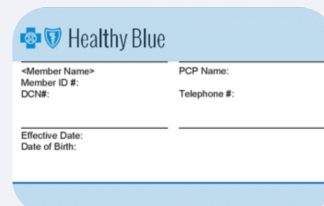
How do I use Medicaid?

Medicaid provides many different health care services to make sure you can get care for your whole body. You cannot use Medicaid while you're in jail, but you can use it as soon as you leave.

- Medicaid pays for annual check ups, specialists, prescriptions, and mental, dental, and vision care.
- Medicaid also pays for prescription delivery, rides to appointments, telehealth, dental and vision services, and your choice of clinics and physicians.
- **Care is always free or very low cost.**

What happens next?

- The state will send your insurance cards in 3-6 weeks. Let jail staff know if you haven't heard by then.
- Your Medicaid cards will be sent to your jail mailing address. You will receive **two** pieces of mail:
 - One will say you have been enrolled in Medicaid and include your **MO HealthNet ID card**.
 - The other will include your insurance card. This card will tell you who your Medicaid healthcare insurance provider is. It will say **Healthy Blue, United Healthcare, or Home State Health:**



- You can also create a MO HealthNet account online to see if your application is still being processed by visiting <https://my.mo.gov/fsdbenefits>.

What happens after I leave jail?

- You can use Medicaid right away. That means **you can schedule visits to the doctor and dentist, plus visits for mental health or the eye doctor**. Make sure to ask the doctor if they accept Medicaid insurance, and bring your MO Healthnet ID and Medicaid insurance cards to the visit.
- Here are some ideas for Medicaid services you might need when you leave jail:
 - New glasses, bifocals, or contacts
 - Bridgework or dentures
 - Therapy or substance use treatment
 - Prescriptions mailed to your address

Need more help? Call 1-800-466-3213 or visit CoverMissouri.org/help.

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