

## MEDICAID MODERNIZATION FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Question	Answer
<p><b>1. How will the changes in the Idaho Medicaid program affect me and my family?</b></p>	<p>Idaho Medicaid's focus is on wellness, prevention, and responsibility. If you are new to Medicaid as of July 1, 2006, you and your family will be enrolled in one of two benefit plan depending on your health needs. If you are already a Medicaid client, you will be enrolled in one of the plans at your renewal date. You don't have to do anything.</p> <p>The two plans are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>The Medicaid Basic Plan</b> is for low-income children and adults with eligible dependent children. This plan provides complete health, prevention and wellness benefits for children and adults who don't have special health needs. Most Medicaid and participants will have coverage in this benefit plan.</li> <li>2. <b>The Medicaid Enhanced Plan</b> is for individuals with disabilities or special health needs. This plan includes all benefits covered in the Basic Plan, plus additional benefits.</li> </ol>
<p><b>2. My children were on CHIP-B. Did the CHIP B program change?</b></p>	<p>Yes, CHIP-B benefits have changed. As of July 1, 2006 children on CHIP-B were enrolled in the Medicaid Basic Plan. Idaho Medicaid sent you a letter if your child's coverage changed from CHIP B to the Medicaid Basic Plan.</p>
<p><b>3. Will my child's CHIP-B card still work?</b></p>	<p>All children who were enrolled in CHIP-B have been sent a new, white Medicaid card after they were automatically converted to a new plan on July 1. Use this instead of the old yellow CHIP B card.</p>

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<b>4. What is a “special health need?”</b>	A special health need is a need for more services or services not covered in the Medicaid Basic Plan. Your doctor will help decide if you have a special health need. Example of special health needs include a need for treatment for a serious mental illness or a need for long-term care.
<b>5. Do I have to do anything if I am currently on a Medicaid plan?</b>	No, processes are set up to make sure we move you to the correct plan at your renewal date. At your renewal, you will receive a notification letter. You don't need to call your case worker at this time.
<b>6. Will being in a new Medicaid plan cut my benefits?</b>	No, in fact some clients may be eligible for additional services  Most people will have all their health needs met with the Medicaid Basic Plan. If you need additional health services beyond those included in Medicaid Basic Plan, such as long-term care or treatment for a serious mental illness, you may be eligible for the Medicaid Enhanced Plan. Your doctor will help decide whether you have special health needs.
<b>7. Are there any changes in eligibility?</b>	For adults there are no changes. For children there is no longer an asset limit. Assets are cash or items with cash value, such as money in a savings account or an investment. These items will not count against a child's eligibility. The adult asset limit is still \$1,000. The best way to find out if you or your child is eligible is to fill out an application.
<b>8. Who do I call for questions?</b>	Call the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588.
<b>9. Can I enroll on-line? How do I enroll in one of the new Medicaid plans?</b>	No, you can't enroll on-line. However, you can print an application for assistance at <a href="http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Rainbow/Documents/app_benefits.pdf">http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Rainbow/Documents/app_benefits.pdf</a> and send the completed application to the address listed on page 1 of the application.

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<p><b>10. I don't currently receive Medicaid. How do I apply?</b></p>	<p>Medicaid now has a single office to help you apply. This office is called Family Medicaid. Call Family Medicaid (toll free) at 1-866-326-2485 to ask for an application. You can also call the Idaho CareLine at 2-1-1 or 1-800-926-2588 to find out how to get an application from your local Department of Health and Welfare (DHW) office. You must complete an application and drop it off, send it, or fax (208) 528-5980 it to Family Medicaid or your local DHW office.</p>
<p><b>11. Are there any prevention services in the new plans?</b></p>	<p>Your child's prevention services include well-child checks, dental check-ups and immunizations. Adults will receive an annual wellness exam.</p>
<p><b>12. Are dental services covered?</b></p>	<p>Yes, dental services are included in all plans.</p>
<p><b>13. How will Medicaid change for children and adults <u>without</u> a disability or a special health need?</b></p>	<p>People without a disability or a special health need will be in the Medicaid Basic Plan. Some of the services include annual adult wellness check-ups, physical therapy, chiropractic services, home health services, durable medical equipment, and dental services. Mental health services are more limited in the Medicaid Basic Plan. If you need additional services then your doctor can assess your needs for possible placement in the Medicaid Enhanced Plan.</p>
<p><b>15. How will Medicaid change for people <u>with</u> a disability or a special health need?</b></p>	<p>People with a disability or a special health need will have the same benefits in the Medicaid Enhanced Plan as they received before Medicaid Modernization. The Medicaid Enhanced Plan includes all services in the Medicaid Basic Plan, plus additional services to cover the needs of clients with disabilities or special health needs.</p>

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<b>16. How will Medicaid change for persons age 65 and older?</b>	Medicaid clients who are age 65 and older must enroll in Medicare (everyone 65 and older is eligible for Medicare). Medicaid client age 65 and older will be enrolled in the Medicaid Enhanced Plan. Starting later this year, people enrolled in both programs may be eligible for coordinated benefits through Medicare Advantage Plans.