

Welcome to:

Using Medicaid for Home Modification

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Agenda

- What is Medicaid?
- Core Benefits & Value Adds
- Medicaid & Home Modification
- Habitat for Humanity
- Q&A



What is Medicaid?

The nation's public health insurance program for people with low income

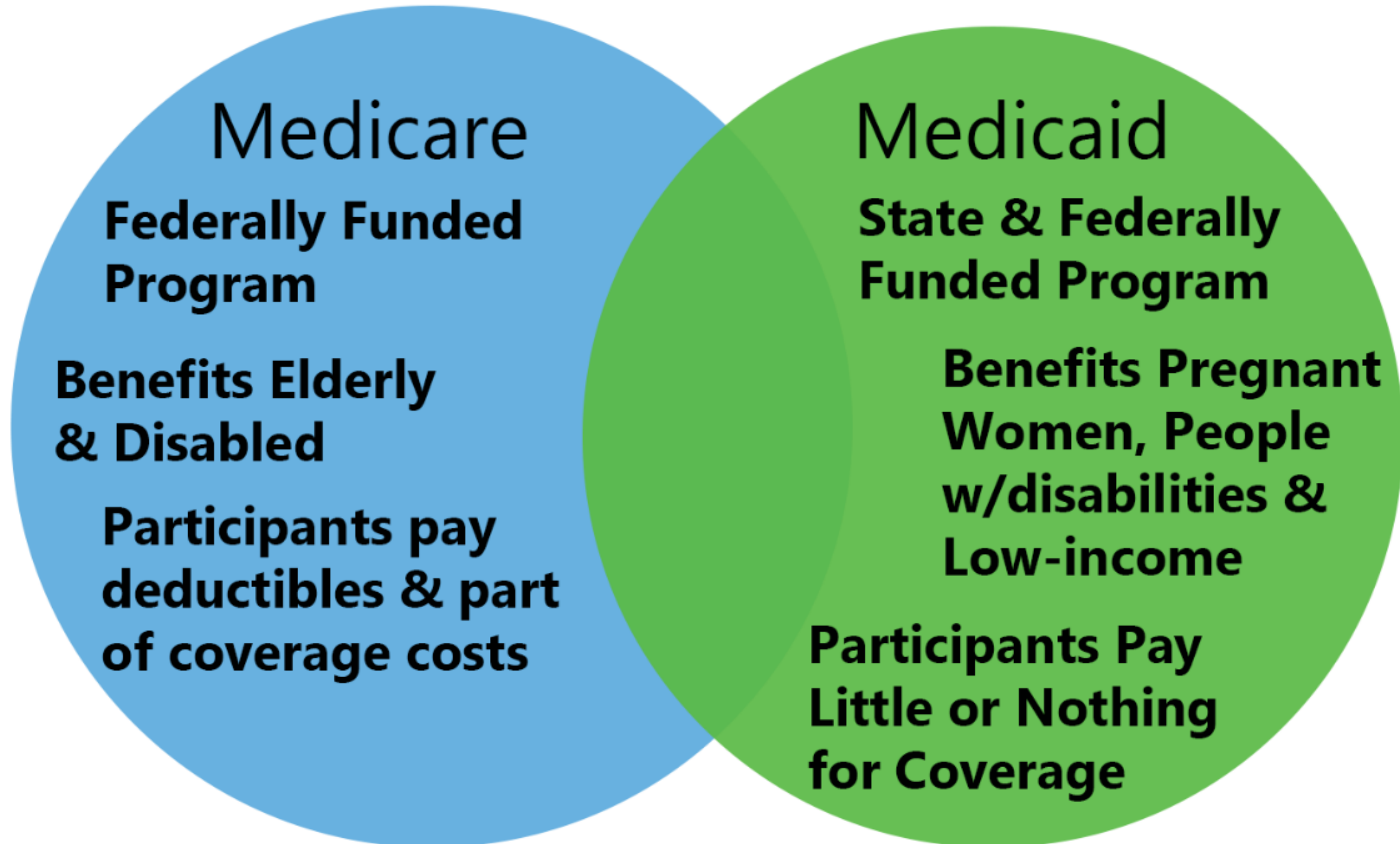
-  Medicaid covers 1 in 5 Americans including many with complex and costly needs for care
-  The majority of Medicaid enrollees lack access to other affordable health insurance
-  Medicaid covers a broad array of health services and limits enrollee out-of-pocket costs
-  While there are core benefits required by the federal government, states may have additional benefits and eligibility requirements.

Why are we talking about Medicaid?

- Many Medicaid programs require health plans to provide housing navigation and resources
- Medicaid managed care organizations have funds to share with community organizations.
- Medicaid organizations need provider training - your org could be a resource for them.
- Medicaid can provide additional resources to your clients like transportation, gym memberships, even pest control.
- And of course they can often pay for home modifications like ramps and grab bars.



Medicare vs. Medicaid



Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment

- Open Enrollment is once a year or there must be a qualifying event.
- Eligibility is based on a number of factors like income and family size, pregnancy or disability.
- Eligibility will vary by state.
- Once enrolled, members need to renew (recertify) annually.
- Apply online, in person, by telephone or mail, enrollment centers, community health centers.

Medicaid & Managed Care Organizations

- Many states contract with health plans/managed care organizations to administer their programs.
- You can choose your plan during enrollment and within 90 days of enrollment - some states like CA you can switch plans anytime Your chosen plan will remain your plan for the year. If you do not choose a plan it will be auto-assigned.
- Coverage is retroactive for 90 days
- Health plans are usually highly regulated by their state and their contracts, audit results and quality scores are usually publicly available since they are public programs.



FIND OUT WHICH PLAN YOUR CLIENT HAS!



What does Medicaid Cover?

- States establish and administer their own Medicaid programs and determine the type, amount, duration, and scope of services within broad federal guidelines.
- Federal law requires states to provide certain mandatory benefits and allows states the choice of covering other optional benefits.
- Mandatory benefits include services including inpatient and outpatient hospital services, physician services, laboratory and x-ray services, and home health services, among others. Optional benefits include services including prescription drugs, case management, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

Transportation Benefit, Value Adds and Language Services

- Free transportation to doctor appointments & pharmacies.
- Value-adds are little extras like a gift card for completing a well visit or a gift card to purchase a bike and helmet for a child after completing their well visit.
- Plans must provide language services like interpretation and translation if the member has indicated they have a preferred language other than English.

You can find more information on the health plan's website or in their member handbook.



To find Value-Adds google “health plan name” and value adds

Member Value Add Benefits

As a Molina member, you get what's covered under the Healthy Connections program and more! Extra benefits you can earn for FREE may include:

- No copays for any doctor's office visit
- A \$10 Walmart gift card when completing well visit with doctor *
- Free electric breast pump for qualifying pregnant members
- Community events with extra benefits for members
 - Baby showers
 - Back to school
- Adults get an eye exam every year, plus frames and lenses every 2 years if needed
- A \$150 Walmart gift card to purchase a bike and helmet after completing your 8, 9, or 10 year old well visit. Get a Handle on Health! **
- Free car seat program for eligible members who complete 6 prenatal visits *
- Manage your health care anytime, anywhere with our My Molina mobile app
- Mom's Meals - Home-delivered meals for pregnant and postpartum mothers who complete a telephonic health screening ***



*Keep an eye out for mailers from us with instructions on how to redeem rewards

**One per lifetime benefit. Benefit must be redeemed within 365 days of completed well visit with your doctor

***Up to 3 weeks of meals

To find out how to get these benefits, visit MolinaHealthcare.com/Redeem/SC

Molina offers coverage that goes beyond the doctor's office.

- FREE 24-hour Nurse advice: Have a health question? Give us a call day or night – our nurses are here for you whenever you need them.
- FREE Pregnancy program: For the healthiest pregnancy, we give moms-to-be the support they need every step of the way.
- FREE Personal care management: We offer diabetes counseling, disease management, and health education programs. We can also help you control your weight and quit smoking.
- FREE Quality health and wellness programs: Get help managing asthma, diabetes, COPD, high blood pressure, and other chronic issues for a higher quality of life.
- FREE Translation Services: Free interpreter services so you can speak to Molina or a doctor in your language to get the information you need.

Please see your Member Handbook and learn more about the benefits Molina offers. It can be found [HERE](#).

EXTRA BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN

Parent and caregivers can get extra benefits for their children like:

- ✓ **Internet essentials:** Get a free gift card to use for internet services. For members 5 to 18 years old.
- ✓ **Headset for learning:** Get a free over-the-ear headset. For members 5 to 18 years old.
- ✓ **Tutoring support:** Get a \$50 gift card to use on learning support courses. For children 5 to 14 years old at www.outschool.com.
- ✓ **Blue Book ClubSM:** Get a \$35 Barnes & Noble gift card to buy books for your children ages 2 years and younger.
- ✓ **Scouts BSA:** Get a free, annual Scouts BSA membership and a discount toward program materials. Only at participating sites. For members 6 to 18 years old.
- ✓ **Girl Scouts leadership experience:** Get a free, annual Girl Scouts membership plus a discount toward program materials. Only at participating sites. For girls 5 to 18 years old.
- ✓ **Boys & Girls Club fees:** Get a \$50 gift card to use towards Boys & Girls Club fees. Only at participating clubs. For members 6 to 18 years old.
- ✓ **Sports physical:** Get a free sports physical. For members 6 to 18 years old.

Medicaid and Home Modification

- States usually have a Medicaid program to help pay for home modifications costs for people with disabilities.
- The idea behind these home modifications is making the home more livable to foster independence. While this may seem pretty straightforward, Medicaid has specific rules about qualifies for the program.

Who Qualifies for Modifications?

Medicaid home modification program covers a wide range of disabilities including;

- Brain injury
- Multiple sclerosis
- Cerebral Palsy
- HIV/AIDS
- Epilepsy
- ALS
- Autism

- Nursing Facility Care
- Developmental Disability
- Hospital-Level Care
 - Geriatric
 - Amputee
- Intellectual Disability
- Among other disabilities

Which types of Home Modifications Can Qualify?

Medicaid programs cater to home and environmental accessibility modifications. That said, some of the home modifications that qualify for Medicaid include:

- Wheelchair Ramps for improving accessibility for people with disabilities and reducing the risks of falling.
- Lighting adaptations for better overall lighting to reduce the risks of falls. Lighting adaptations also include accessible sockets and light switches as well.
- Widening of the doorways in order to accommodate wheelchairs as well as other mobility aids for people with limited mobility
- Shower modifications to accommodate roll-in wheelchairs. These shower modifications may also include hands-free controls, seat installations, and cube-less showers.
- Medical dispensers help your loved one track their medications.
- Grab bars and handrails to reduce the risk of falls and injuries, especially in bathrooms and staircases.
- Personal Emergency Response Systems to help your loved ones notify someone in case of an accident.
- Stair/Wheelchair lifts help people with limited mobility go up and down the stairs without any risk of falling.
- Accessible handles like lever-style handles make it easier to open and close doors and cabinets.
- Bidets and toilet modifications help people with limited mobility get up and down better and clean themselves after using the toilet.

How Does it Work - One Example

Step 1: A member or their family contacts the Medicaid Agency in their state and submits their application for the home modification process.

Step 2. If the application for home modification is approved, the Medicaid Agency assigns a Case/Care Manager.

Step 3. The Medicaid Agency contacts an Occupational Therapist to provide the appropriate home evaluation of the disability. The OT then recommends specific home modifications that need to be covered under the Medicaid waivers for home modifications.

Step 4. The Occupational Therapist submits a recommendation summary to the Case Manager. The CM can provide the family member with a comprehensive list of approved contractors, or they can contact the contractors on behalf of the family.

Step 5. Since Medicaid is a competitive bid process, the family should have at least 2-3 bids from different contractors for the project. These bid estimates are forwarded to the Case Manager.

Step 6. The CM will choose a specific contractor's estimates and send them for approval on the specified amount.

Step 7: The chosen contractor is provided with a PAR (Prior Authorization Request) to serve as a green light to commence the home modification process.

Habitat for Humanity Oregon

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**Umpqua Valley Habitat for Humanity
Repair Project**

ESTIMATE:

Primary Contact Amber [redacted] at Adapt
Project description 227 Wecks Rd. wheelchair ramp
Project Number 1799.23
Estimate Date 2/2/2022

Client Judy [redacted]
Address 227 Wecks Rd.
Myrtle Creek, OR 97497
Phone numbers Judy [redacted], Daughter Erika [redacted] 541-680-[redacted]
Amber [redacted] Adapt 541-492-[redacted]

Ramp description

- Pressure treated framing
- Composite decking
- 2x2 ballasters - cedar
- top rail - cedar
- Stained railing
- Paver landing
- Constructed by experienced volunteers lead by Habitat's contractor

Total estimated cost: 2,850.00
(includes labor, materials, admin)

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HOMEOWNER SIGNATURE: _____

*At Habitat, our shared vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live.
It takes all of us together to make that happen – that's why your support really matters.
Working side by side, we can construct and repair homes that will provide years of security
and stability for families while strengthening our community.
Together, through shelter, we empower.*









MEDICAID in Oregon

- **OHP - Oregon Health Plan – implementation of Medicaid in Oregon**
 - **CCOs – Coordinate Care Organizations – 16 across Oregon**
- **UHA Umpqua Health Alliance**
 - ✓ **Funding:**
 - **CHIP – Community Health Improvement Plan**
 - \$25,000 for Umpqua Valley Habitat Repair Program loan pool
 - **CCBF – Community Capacity Building Grants**
 - Become an HRSN – Health-Related Social Needs organization.
Funding for outreach, technology, staffing...
 - **SHARE – Supporting Health for All**
 - **Housing-focused projects: building, land, construction...**
 - ✓ **Connect Oregon – Unite Us software**

How can I find out more about this?

You & Your organization

- Find out who your community representative is
- Invite them to events
- Call local health plans
- Find your Medicaid Ombudsman
- Collect member handbooks
- Google it!
- Link to state specific programs:
 - <https://www.payingforseniorcare.com/home-modifications/medicaid-waivers>
 - <https://www.accessiblemed.com/medicaid-home-modification-funding-guide/>

Your clients

- Have them call their health plan or download their member handbook
- HIPAA



Questions?

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