

# CHANGES IN MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY IN NEW YORK STATE

## What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is free health insurance paid for by the State. You do not need to pay monthly premiums for this insurance and your other costs are much lower than many private health insurance plans.

## Who will be eligible for Medicaid in 2014?

Starting January 1, 2014, if you are a New York resident and your income before taxes is less than the amounts below, you may qualify for Medicaid. Old Medicaid eligibility rules will continue to apply for people who are disabled, blind, and aged 65 and over.

People in the Household	Yearly Income (2013 figures)
1	\$15,856.00
2	\$21,404.00
3	\$26,951.00
4	\$32,499.00

## How can I find out if I am eligible for Medicaid?

You can complete an application on the NY State of Health: The Official Health Plan Marketplace by phone, internet, or in person. **The website is [www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov).**

You will enter your name, address, income, and household size. The website will determine if you are eligible for Medicaid, or other financial help to pay for a private health insurance plan.

## What happens if I am Medicaid eligible?

If you are eligible for Medicaid, you will be able to choose a Managed Care plan that the State pays for. You will have much smaller co-pays for prescriptions, emergency room visits and other services than with a private plan. Your Medicaid coverage lasts for one year.

Medicaid asks you to confirm your household composition and income information every year. Report any change of income right away.

## How do I apply?

### You can get help applying:

Navigators can answer your questions and help enroll you in a plan that meets your needs. They are independent, local groups that help individuals and small business employers understand their new health insurance options. They are trained by the State. Their help is free.

To find a Navigator near you:

[https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/agent/hx\\_brokerSearch](https://nystateofhealth.ny.gov/agent/hx_brokerSearch).

### You can apply by yourself:

- On the NY State of Health website  
<http://www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov>
- By phone: 1-855-355-5777



If you have questions, call  
Community Health Advocates (888) 614-5400.