

5-Year Waiting Period Lifted: Medicaid More Accessible for Pregnant Women and Children

In **January 2024**, the Georgia Department of Community Health amended the state plan to **remove the 5-year waiting period for Medicaid-eligible pregnant women and children** who are **lawful permanent residents**.

**Over
18,500**

women and children in Georgia are Lawful Permanent Residents.



DO YOU QUALIFY?

Family Size	Monthly Income	Yearly Income
2	\$3,748	\$44,976
3	\$4,734	\$56,808
4	\$5,720	\$68,640

To learn how to calculate for your family size, go to <https://dch.georgia.gov/federal-poverty-guidelines>

How to Apply

Submit Medicaid applications online, over the phone, in-person at an office, or by mail.

Visit gateway.ga.gov or call **1-877-423-4746**.
Interpretation services are free.

While You Wait

Presumptive eligibility allows pregnant women to receive care immediately while their application is being processed.

You **must apply in person** at a DPH office to receive presumptive eligibility.

After Delivery

Family Medicaid Covers medical care for pregnant women for up to 12 months after giving birth.

Coverage includes physicians' visits, prescriptions, and inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

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Did you know Medicaid patients are eligible to receive free at-home blood pressure monitors?

Preventable blood pressure related complications are a **leading cause of maternal injury and death** in the state of Georgia.



Coverage

You can receive coverage if you have a blood pressure reading of 140/90 or higher in the provider office and are diagnosed with hypertension.

Prescription

Talk to your provider about getting a prescription for an at home blood pressure monitor and get the certification of medical necessity.

Monitoring

Get an in-office demonstration of how to monitor your blood pressure and spot warning signs of serious complications that need urgent care.



Monitoring your blood pressure can help catch preeclampsia early and protect you and your baby from life threatening conditions.



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