

North Carolina Medicaid and NC Health Choice Program Aid Category Definitions

The high-level program aid category definitions below are to be used with the monthly “Enrollment by Program Aid Category – County Level” report, and are not intended to be used to determine eligibility. Detailed program aid category definitions are available at https://ncdma.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/documents/files/BASIC_MEDICAID_ELIGIBILITY_CHART_2016_09_19.pdf.

For information about eligibility, contact your local Department of Social Services at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dss/local-county-social-services-offices>.

- **Aged:** Individuals over age 65 and below any NC established income threshold
- **Blind:** Individuals considered legally blind based on Social Security standards and below any NC established income threshold
- **Disabled:** Individuals considered disabled based on Social Security standards and below any NC established income threshold
- **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) under 21:** Individuals under age 21 and eligible for TANF
- **TANF (AFDC) 21 and over:** Individuals over age 21 and eligible for TANF
- **Foster children:** Individuals currently or formerly in foster care from birth through age 25
- **Pregnant Women:** Women who are pregnant and below any NC established income threshold to help pay for conditions that affect pregnancy
- **Family planning:** Women between the ages of 19 through 55 and men between the ages of 19 through 60 for, who are not eligible below any NC established income threshold, but not meeting eligibility standards for full Medicaid coverage, are eligible for family planning exams and services, screening and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, screenings for HIV, and sterilizations
- **Infants and children:** Individuals from birth through age 18 and below any NC established income threshold
- **MCHIP (Medicaid-Children’s Health Insurance Program):** Children from birth through age 18 and below any NC established income threshold
- **Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (MQB-Q):** Individuals entitled to Medicare Parts A & B and below any NC established income threshold to help pay for Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance charges for Medicare covered services
- **Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (MQB-B):** Individuals entitled to free Medicare Part A and below any NC established income threshold; to help pay for Medicare Part B premiums
- **Qualified Individuals (MQB-E):** Individuals entitled to free Medicare Part A and below any NC established income threshold; to help pay for Medicare Part B premiums (cap limit)
- **Breast and Cervical Cancer Medicaid (BCC):** Women ages 21 through 64, screened and enrolled in the NC Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program, and below any NC established income threshold
- **Refugees:** Individuals with proper immigration status and documentation and below any NC established income threshold; covered fully by federal funding during first eight months the refugee resides in the US
- **Legal aliens:** Individuals living in the US with proper documentation as qualified non-citizens and below any NC established income requirements, and have completed a five-year waiting period
- **Non-qualified aliens:** Individuals living in the US without proper documentation who meet the NC residency requirement to help pay for emergency Medicaid services
- **Health Choice (Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)):** Children age 6 through 18 and below any NC established income threshold; service exclusions include long-term care, early and periodic screening, diagnostic and treatment, non-emergency medical transportation and full dental benefits