

# In Brief: Connecticut's new Medicaid for Low-Income Adults

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- Connecticut is the first state to receive federal approval to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act (national health care reform legislation).
- New Medicaid coverage is replacing the State-Administered General Assistance (SAGA) medical program.
- Medicaid for Low-Income Adults is open to Connecticut residents aged 19 through 64, who
  do not receive federal Supplemental Security Income or Medicare and who are not pregnant.
- Provides full Medicaid health coverage/benefits package, including long-term care/skilled nursing facility, home health care and non-emergency medical transportation.
- The income-eligibility limit for single adults and married couples is 56% of the federal poverty level.
  - ➤ However, single adults and married couples who live in Region A (mostly southwestern Connecticut) receive an additional deduction equal to 12% of the federal poverty level. This effectively makes the income limit equal to 68% of the federal poverty level in Region A.

Household Size by Region*	Income Limit**
Single Person	\$613.70
(Region A, southwestern CT)	
Single Person	\$505.40
(Region B, northern/eastern	
CT; & Region C, western CT)	
Married Couple	\$825.63
(Region A, southwestern CT)	
Married Couple	\$679.93
(Region B, northern/eastern	·
CT; & Region C, western CT)	

<sup>\*</sup>See following pages for list of cities/towns by region.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Up to \$150 per month of any earned income is not counted.

- Applicants with higher incomes can quality through the Medicaid 'spend-down' process, meaning that coverage takes effect when out-of-pocket costs reach a pre-calculated level.
- Medicaid identification and U.S. citizenship verification procedures apply. Medicaid coverage is also available to certain qualified non-citizens. Other qualified non-citizens may be able to receive coverage through the State Medical Assistance for Non-Citizens program.
- Unlike the SAGA medical program, in Medicaid for Low-Income Adults:
  - o there will be no asset test for eligibility;
  - o there will be no digital imaging requirement;
  - o there will be no recovery from liens on home property; and
  - o redetermination (coverage renewal) will soon be done on an annual basis, not every six months
- Medicaid identification and U.S. citizenship verification procedures apply. All current SAGA medical clients will have their Social Security numbers automatically matched with Social Security records, which should meet Medicaid requirements for most people.
- Medicaid for Low-Income Adults is administered directly by the Connecticut Department of Social Services. This is a change from the SAGA medical program, which was coordinated by the Community Health Network of CT for the Department of Social Services.
- Many medical providers enrolled with the Community Health Network of CT also participate
  in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CTMAP). CTMAP is the state's Medicaid
  fee-for-service provider network. These providers will simply bill Medicaid rather than the
  Community Health Network on behalf of their patients in Medicaid. Special outreach will be
  done by the Department of Social Services to Community Health Network of CT-enrolled
  providers who do not participate in the CTMAP fee-for-service network, to encourage them
  to enroll.
- CTMAP Client Assistance (operated by Department of Social Services contractor HP) can help clients with access to medical providers. This includes locating new medical providers who participate in Medicaid in the event a client's provider does not participate in CTMAP. Clients can call Client Assistance Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at:
  - o 1-866-409-8430 (in-state, toll-free)
  - o 1-860-269-2031 (local to Farmington, CT)
  - Clients can also search for providers by at the following website: <u>www.ctdssmap.com</u> and click on Provider Search
- New applications for Medicaid are made at local offices of the Connecticut Department of Social Services. Call 2-1-1 Infoline for referral to a DSS office or visit <a href="www.ct.gov/dss">www.ct.gov/dss</a> and click on Regional Offices.

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## Medicaid for Low-Income Adults - Key Contact Numbers for Enrollees

The following client services may be helpful to former SAGA members now enrolled in Medicaid for Low-Income Adults, as well as new enrollees.

- If you would like to find out which providers participate in Medicaid in your area, visit the web at <a href="https://www.ctdssmap.com">www.ctdssmap.com</a> and select the Provider Search Options or call the Client Assistance Center (1-866-409-8430). Hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- If your medical provider would like to participate in Medicaid, and is not yet enrolled he/she can call 1-800-842-8440.
- To find a dentist who participates in Medicaid call the Connecticut Dental Health Partnership, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-866-420-2924 (in-state toll free). They can also help you set up an appointment.
- <u>To schedule a ride for your Medicaid-covered appointment</u> call Coordinated Transportation Solutions (CTS) at 1-877-423-6794.
- To find out about residential substance abuse treatment or the Recovery Supports Program call 1-800-606-3677. Some services that are not covered by Medicaid may be covered by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.
- For any question on the transition from SAGA to Medicaid call the Client Assistance Center (1-866-409-8430), Monday through Friday. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

# Regional Breakdown by City/Town

### Region A

Bethel

Bridgewater

Brookfield

Danbury

Darien

Greenwich

New Canaan

New Fairfield

New Milford

Newtown

Norwalk

Redding

Ridgefield

Roxbury

Sherman

Stamford

Washington

Weston

Westport

Wilton

#### Region B

Andover Ashford Avon Berlin Bethany Bloomfield Bolton Bozrah Branford Bridgeport **Bristol** Brooklyn Burlington Canterbury Canton Chaplin Chester Clinton Colchester Columbia Coventry Cromwell Deep River Durham Eastford East Granby East Haddam East Hampton East Hartford

East Haven

East Lyme

East Windsor

Easton

Ellington

Enfield Essex Fairfield Farmington Franklyn Glastonbury Granby Griswold Groton Guilford Haddam Hamden Hampton Hartford Hebron Killingly Killingworth Lebanon Ledyard Lisbon Lyme Madison Manchester Mansfield Marlborough Meriden Middlefield Middletown Milford Monroe Montville New Britain New Haven Newington

New London North Branford North Haven N.Stonington Norwich Old Lyme Old Saybrook Orange Plainfield Plainville Plymouth Pomfret Portland Preston Putnam Rocky Hill Salem Scotland Shelton Simsbury Somers Southington South Windsor Sprague Stafford Sterling Stonington Stratford Suffield Thompson Tolland Trumbull Union Vernon

Voluntown
Wallingford
Waterford
Westbrook
West Hartford
West Haven
Wethersfield
Willington
Windham
Windsor
Windsor Locks
Woodbridge
Woodstock

# Region C

Ansonia

Barkhamsted

Beacon Falls

Bethlehem

Canaan

Cheshire

Colebrook

Cornwall

Derby

Goshen

Hartland

Harwinton

Kent

Litchfield

Middlebury

Morris

Naugatuck

New Hartford

Norfolk

North Canaan

Oxford

Prospect

Salisbury

Seymour

Sharon

Southbury

Thomaston

Torrington

Warren

Waterbury

Watertown

Winchester

Wolcott

Woodbury