

Medicaid Categories for People with Disabilities—Before and After PPACA

Red denotes new category of Medicaid eligibility under Patient Protection and Affordability Act of 2010 (as amended).

Medicaid Eligibility Group (Required or Optional)	Disability Determination?	Income and Asset Rules ⁱ	Federal Match Pre-2014	Federal Match 2014 & Beyond	Governing Statute	Covered benefits ⁱⁱ
Categorically Needy (Required)	Yes	SSI Methodology or 1902(r)(2) or 1619(b) for SSI	Regular FMAP ⁱⁱⁱ plus ARRA enhancement until 12/31/2010 (may be extended to 6/30/2011)	Regular FMAP	SSA Title XIX, Medicaid State Plan and Waivers	Medicaid mandated and optional services
Medically Needy (Optional)	Yes	SSI Methodology	Regular FMAP plus ARRA enhancement until 12/31/2010 (may be extended to 6/30/2011)	Regular FMAP	Title XIX Social Security Act, Medicaid State Plan, and Waivers	Medicaid mandated and optional services
Medicaid Buy-In (Optional)	Yes	SSI Methodology	Regular FFP Plus Enhancement until 12/31/2010 (may be extended to 6/30/2011)	Regular FMAP	Title XIX Social Security Act, BBA & TTWWIIA	Medicaid mandated and optional services
133% FPL (Required as of 1/1/2014; optional before then)	No	MAGI ^{iv}	Regular FMAP plus ARRA enhancement until 12/31/2010 (may be extended to 6/30/2011)	100% FMAP for 2014-2016; reduced to 90% from 2017-2019	PPACA and SMD Letter	Benchmark plan or equivalent; or Medicaid mandated services

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States that currently cover childless adults up to 100% FPL (Optional)	No	SSI Methodology or 1902(r)(2)	Regular FMAP plus ARRA enhancement until 12/31/2010 (may be extended to 6/30/2011)	100% FMAP for 2014-2016; reduced to 90% from 2017-2019	Title XIX Social Security Act and transitions to PPACA	Benchmark plan or equivalent, or Medicaid mandated services
Above 133% FPL (Optional until 12/31/2013; then covered through State Exchanges)	No	SSI Methodology or 1902(r)(2)	Not applicable	Regular State FFP	PPACA	Benchmark plan or equivalent; or Medicaid mandated services

ⁱ SSI Methodology for determining Medicaid eligibility disregards \$65 plus one-half of monthly earned income; Section 1902(r)(2) refers to any less restrictive state-specific methodology as modified under SSA Section 1902(r)(2).

ⁱⁱ PPACA requires a minimum set of benefits offered under the Plan, with state flexibility to add more. Medicaid for the newly-eligible populations can look different from “regular” Medicaid under Title XIX of the Social Security Act and existing waiver programs.

ⁱⁱⁱ FMAP—Federal Medical Assistance Percentages, the state-specific rate including the enhanced federal match provided under American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009.

^{iv} MAGI—modified adjusted gross income as defined by PPACA, with 5% income disregard; no asset test.