

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES



"It's not just for kids anymore."

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM?

During the 2007 Legislative Special Session, Governor O'Malley proposed and the legislature passed Senate Bill 6 (SB 6), the Working Families and Small Business Health Coverage Act. SB 6 expands Medical Assistance eligibility to parents with dependent children and other family members caring for children with incomes up to 116% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or about \$20,500 annually for a family of three. As a result of this legislation, many more parents and other family members caring for children will be eligible for Medical Assistance.

WHO IS NOW ELIGIBLE?

On July 1, 2008, Medical Assistance benefits expanded to include comprehensive health care coverage for many more parents and other family members caring for children. Eligibility depends on family size and income. The income limit is about \$20,500 annually for a family of three.

WHICH BENEFITS ARE INCLUDED?

Parents and other family members caring for children can apply to receive free comprehensive health care coverage.

Coverage includes:

- Doctor visits
- Visits with specialists
- Hospital stays and other services
- Low-cost or free prescriptions

HOW DO I APPLY?

- By Mail or Fax, by printing an application from www.dhmh.state.md.us/ma4families
- Call 1-800-456-8900 to have an application sent to you,
- Online at www.marylandSAIL.org, or
- Contact your Local Health Department or Local Department of Social Services and fill out an application.

IT'S EASY TO APPLY!

- No asset limit
- No face-to-face interview required
- Option to apply online www.marylandSAIL.org
- Option to apply by mail or fax

**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CALL
THE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE HOTLINE AT
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