



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IMPACT ALERT: MEDICAID--WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Sometimes it's called MA, or Medical Assistance. Sometimes it's called ACCESS. Sometimes it's referred to by one or more of seven health plan names. Is it any wonder it's confusing?

Medicaid, known in Pennsylvania as Medical Assistance or MA, provides a free and comprehensive package of healthcare services to children with disabilities. Most of these children receive their services through managed health care plans that contract with the state. It can be a confusing system, so in case you aren't sure where the funding for your child's healthcare is coming from, answer this: Is your child in one of these health plans? (card photos on next page)

- AmeriHealth Caritas PA or Northeast
- Geisinger Health Plan
- Health Partners Plans
- Highmark Wholecare
- Keystone First
- United Healthcare Community Plan
- UPMC for You

Regardless of which of these plans your child is in, the funds come from Medicaid.










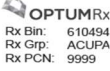




Pennsylvania's Medicaid-funded managed care program is called HealthChoices. Most, but not all, children enrolled in Medicaid are enrolled in one of the above plans. When a child is enrolled in one of the above plans, they are automatically enrolled in a separate Medicaid-funded plan for their behavioral health services.

About half of the Medicaid funds your child's plan receives is from the federal government. A new federal law will drastically cut those federal Medicaid funds in coming years. To learn more about how those cuts might affect your child's health services, go to <https://www.imaginedifferent.org/medicaiddefense>.

OBBBA, signed into law on July 4, 2025, includes significant cuts to federal Medicaid spending, which are expected to total around \$1 trillion over 10 years. The cuts are projected to cause millions of people to lose their health coverage. In the coming years, Pennsylvania's leaders will need to make difficult decisions as to how to implement these massive cuts within our state. In preparation for the difficult decisions ahead, the Coalition intends to keep stakeholders informed as to Medicaid's benefits for children with developmental disabilities and their families.

Do you have one of these insurance cards for your child?

If yes, their healthcare is funded through Medicaid.

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