

Health coverage options for Montanans who are justice-involved



Whether you are facing criminal charges, currently incarcerated, or recently released, you may have access to new affordable coverage options through the Health Insurance Marketplace and the Montana Medicaid HELP Plan.

Montana Medicaid:

Medicaid is a free or low-cost comprehensive health insurance plan for low and moderate income Montanans. The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services administers Medicaid.

The Health Insurance Marketplace at HealthCare.gov:

The Marketplace is a website that allow you to shop for and purchase private health insurance plans. The Marketplace is the only place you can apply for tax credits to help make your plan more affordable. Most Montanans who apply are eligible for tax credits.

	<u>Montana Medicaid</u>	<u>HealthCare.gov</u>
General Eligibility	Medicaid is generally available to Montana residents, age 19-64, who make less than \$16,394 a year or \$1,366 per month.*	Marketplace coverage is generally available to individuals who make more than \$16,394 a year or \$1,366 a month.*
Facing charges - not in jail	You are eligible to apply for, enroll in, and utilize Medicaid coverage. You must meet the general eligibility requirements.	If you are covered by a Marketplace plan, you may keep your coverage. If you are not covered, you may be able to apply for and utilize coverage.
Facing charges - in jail	You are not eligible to be covered by Medicaid, but you can apply for and be found eligible. Your coverage will be suspended until you are no longer in jail or incarcerated.	If you are covered by a Marketplace plan, you may keep your coverage. If you are not covered, you may be able to apply for and utilize coverage.
Convicted and in jail or prison	You are not eligible to be covered by Medicaid, but you can apply for and be found eligible. Your coverage will be suspended until you are no longer in jail or incarcerated.	While incarcerated, you are not eligible for a Marketplace plan. If you have a Marketplace plan and become incarcerated, you must inform the Marketplace of the change.

*Visit www.CoverMT.org for complete eligibility information.

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Montana Medicaid

You are eligible to apply for, enroll in, and utilize coverage if you are allowed to do the following:

1. Work in the community.
2. Use community resources like libraries or grocery stores.
3. Get health care in the community.

This is true, even if the pre-release is locked during certain hours, requires resident to sign in and out, or requires them to avoid certain areas of town.

Pre-
release

HealthCare.gov

Pre-release is considered incarceration and the prison/jail rules apply. Your local Community Health Center may be able to provide access to affordable care and low-cost prescriptions. You will be eligible for a Special Enrollment Period to enroll upon release from pre-release.

Probation
& Parole

You are eligible to apply for, enroll in, and utilize Medicaid coverage. You must meet the general eligibility requirements.

You are eligible to apply for, enroll in, and get covered by a Marketplace plan. Release from incarceration makes you eligible for a 60 day Special Enrollment Period so you can get covered whenever you get released.

Eligibility for other health and public benefits programs depends on the specific program. For more information, ask your caseworker and/or ask to be connected with an enrollment assister in your community.

Have questions? Help is just around the corner!

Enrollment assisters are trained, able to answer questions, and can help you apply. Their assistance is always free & confidential. Find a Montana enrollment assister at www.CoverMT.org and click on "Find Local Help."



How to Apply: You apply for both Medicaid and the Marketplace online at www.Healthcare.gov or over the phone: 1-800-318-2596. With one application you can apply for coverage for you and your household. Depending on your income, you may be eligible for Montana Medicaid or the Marketplace. The application is simple and you'll receive instant eligibility results.

For more information visit www.CoverMT.org or email info@covermt.org.

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