

GEORGIA PATHWAYS TO COVERAGE™

TRANSITIONAL OPTIONS FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS AND THEIR PARENTS/CARETAKERS



WHAT IS PATHWAYS?

Georgia Pathways to Coverage™ is a program to help low-income Georgians qualify for Medicaid who otherwise would not be eligible for traditional Medicaid. Pathways is a free health insurance option for eligible individuals.

To be eligible for Pathways, a person must:

- Be a Georgia resident
- Be a U.S. citizen or legally residing non-citizen
- Have a household income of up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
 - For example, in 2024, this equals:
 - \$15,060 per year or \$1,255 on average per month for one person
 - \$25,820 per year or \$2,151 on average per month for a family of three
- Be between 19 and 64 years of age
- Prove that he/she is completing at least 80 hours of qualifying activities per month
 - Please visit pathways.georgia.gov/qualifying-activities for more information
- Not qualify for any other type of Medicaid
- Not be incarcerated

There are several circumstances in which Georgians who are currently enrolled in traditional Medicaid or Georgians who are currently uninsured may become eligible for Pathways. Read more for common populations to which this may apply.

PATIENTS TURNING 19

Patients enrolled in traditional Medicaid, including PeachCare for Kids®, may age out of their current coverage when he/she turns 19. At this point, he/she may become eligible for Medicaid coverage through Pathways if he/she is not eligible for another form of coverage.

Those who are 18-years-old aging out of their current coverage will receive a notice from the state 45 days before their coverage period ends. This notice will include information about continuing medical coverage, including information on Pathways.

An 18-year-old who is losing coverage and wants to apply to Pathways can apply on the first day of the month of their 19th birthday. For example, if an applicant's birthday is May 15, he/she can apply on May 1.

PREGNANT WOMEN

Pregnant women can be enrolled in Medicaid for Pregnant Women for up to 12 months after pregnancy. At the one-year mark, they will need to be reevaluated for Medicaid. They may be eligible for Pathways if they are not eligible for another form of Medicaid coverage.

Women who need Medicaid reevaluation will receive a notice from the state 45 days before their coverage period ends. This notice will include information about continuing medical coverage, including information on Pathways.

PARENTS/CARETAKERS OF CHILDREN ON MEDICAID

Pathways may be a coverage option for uninsured parents or caretakers of children under 19 enrolled in Medicaid. An uninsured parent or caretaker who may be eligible for Pathways can apply for coverage by reporting a change through the Gateway portal.

HOW TO APPLY

If an individual already has Medicaid coverage, he/she can renew benefits and will not need to start a new application to receive a new class of assistance, including Pathways.

The easiest way to renew benefits is online at gateway.ga.gov, but a member can also renew:

- In-person at a local Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) office. To find the location and business hours for a DFCS office, visit dfcs.ga.gov/locations
- By mail to their local DFCS office
- By phone at **1-877-423-4746** or **711** for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking

Uninsured parents or caretakers with children under 19 enrolled in Medicaid can apply for coverage by reporting a change in the Gateway portal, in person at their local DFCS office, by mail to their local DFCS office, or by phone at **1-877-423-4746** or **711** for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind or have difficulty speaking.

Pathways covers many of the same medical services as traditional Medicaid. Visit pathways.georgia.gov/about-pathways for a list of covered services.

