

# GEORGIA PATHWAYS TO COVERAGE™

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### WHAT IS PATHWAYS?

Georgia Pathways to Coverage is a new program to help low-income Georgians qualify for Medicaid who otherwise would not be eligible for traditional Medicaid. Pathways introduces a new Medicaid eligibility category in Georgia, increasing access to affordable, quality healthcare coverage for those in the state who don't have it today.

Whether you are losing your coverage because you no longer qualify or are otherwise currently uninsured, Pathways could help you get the health care you need to build a brighter future for yourself and your family. To be eligible for Pathways, you 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 you are doing at least 80 hours of qualifying activities per month
- Not qualify for any other type of Medicaid
- Not be incarcerated

### QUALIFYING ACTIVITIES FOR PATHWAYS

To be eligible for Pathways, you must perform one or more qualifying activities for a total of 80 hours each month. Qualifying activities include:

- Full-time or part-time employment
- On-the-job training
- Job readiness assistance programs
- Community service
- Vocational educational training
- Enrollment in the Vocational Rehabilitation program of the Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (GVRA)
- Higher education through enrollment in public and private universities and technical colleges

Qualifying activity requirements will only apply to Pathways members

and not those who are enrolled under other Medicaid programs.

### APPLYING FOR PATHWAYS

The easiest way to apply is online at [gateway.ga.gov](https://gateway.ga.gov), but you can also apply:

- In-person at your local Division of Family & Children Services (DFCS) office. To find the location and business hours for a DFCS office, visit [dfcs.ga.gov/locations](https://dfcs.ga.gov/locations).
- By mail to your 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

The state will review your application and let you know if you qualify for Pathways. If approved, your coverage will begin on the first day of the month after approval. For example, if you apply in July and receive notice of approval in August, your coverage will start September 1. Please note that you will only be considered for Pathways if you do not qualify for any other Medicaid program.



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PATHWAYS:

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## MAINTAINING PATHWAYS COVERAGE

You can report your qualifying hours each month the same ways you applied – online, by phone, in-person, or by mail. Pathways members report their qualifying activities by the 3rd of each month. The final deadline for reporting qualifying activities

is the 17th of each month, after which members enter suspension. For example, if your coverage started on September 1, you would report your qualifying activities for August by September 3rd, and no later than September 17th, to stay covered for October. If you do not report your qualifying activities by the 17th of each month, your coverage will be

suspended starting the first of the next month. You can resume coverage from suspension once you report hours for the most recent month. If you do not report before the end of three months, your Pathways coverage will be terminated.



Once you're enrolled, if you continue to meet reporting requirements, you can stay covered on Pathways until you no longer qualify. For example, if you have a change in circumstance or earn a higher household income, your eligibility for Pathways may change.

Once you've successfully met your reporting requirements for six consecutive months, you may be exempt from monthly reporting until it is time to redetermine your Pathways eligibility. You will receive a change notice about reporting requirements with more information if this applies to you.

