



MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
INTERMEDIATE UNIT

*An Educational Service Agency Supporting School Excellence*

Special Education Division

Your Child is Eligible  
for Medical Assistance





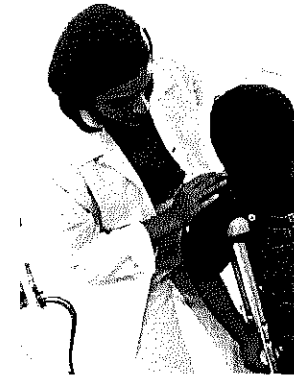
# Why Medical Assistance?

- Medical Assistance is a comprehensive health care coverage offered through the Pennsylvania Department of Public Assistance to any child (ages 0-21) who has been diagnosed with a disability or developmental delay.
- Medical Assistance can be your child's only health care coverage or a secondary insurance.
- If your child has other health insurance, Medical Assistance does not interfere with coverage but may supplement the primary health care.
- Medical Assistance coverage includes the services covered by most other insurance providers as well as some services that are only available through the Medical Assistance program.

*Services covered under the Medical Assistance program which are not covered, or not fully covered, under most other insurance programs include:*

- Wrap-Around (home, community based behavioral health) services if deemed medically necessary.
- Speech, Occupational & Physical Therapy (with a doctor's prescription).
- Diapers for children over 3 years old (with a prescription).
- Nutritional supplements (with a prescription).
- In-home nursing and personal care, if deemed medically necessary.

The School-Based ACCESS Program (SBAP) allows Educational Agencies to receive Medical Assistance Funding for health related services provided to students who are enrolled in the Medical Assistance (ACCESS system). The ACCESS Program that allows the schools to bill Medical Assistance for school based services will not interfere with any services your child is receiving from another provider.



# Application Process

The following provides the steps for completing the application process for Medical Assistance:

- Fill out the "Application for Health Care Coverage" – form PA 600CH. The packet is available by calling the ACCESS Department at 610-755-9409.
- Assemble documentation
  - Copy of the child's social security (or receipt from social security that an application for a card has been filed)
  - Copy of child's birth certificate
  - For non US citizens, proof of immigration status (your child must have permanent residency status, i.e. a "Green Card", to qualify for Medical Assistance)
  - Proof of address (usually a copy of a utility bill will qualify)

- Copy of any other health insurance for child.
- Verification of any income that the child receives in his/her name (i.e. child support, social security benefits, etc.), as well as, parent/caregiver income information (your two most recent pay stubs should be sufficient).
- Recent (within one year) medical information from a physician (i.e. psychiatrist, psychologist, neurologist, pediatrician, etc), which includes a diagnosis, prognosis, treatment plan, and any medications. An Individualized Education Plan (IEP) alone is not sufficient, although it may be helpful in making the determination of disability.
- Affidavit attesting to identity of minor child (included in the packet).
- Copy of parent/guardian social security card and driver's license/photo ID (necessary for verification of US citizenship).

- Mail your completed application, along with documentation, to:  
Montgomery County Assistance Office  
Norristown District 1  
1931 New Hope Street  
Norristown, PA 19401-9987

Or, if you are a Pottstown resident, mail your application to  
Montgomery County Assistance Office  
Pottstown Office  
24 Robinson Street  
Pottstown, PA 19464

- It usually takes 3-4 weeks for eligibility to be determined. If you have not heard from the county assistance office after 4 weeks, you can contact them to find out the status of your application. Their phone numbers are:  
Norristown Office: 610-270-3500  
Pottstown Office: 610-327-4280



## Will My Child Qualify?

Many children with disabilities/developmental delays will qualify for Medical Assistance, regardless of their parent's income. Here are some basic rules:

- A child can qualify for Medical Assistance even if he/she has other health insurance.
- The income and/or assets of the parents/caregivers is not a factor in determining eligibility for Medical Assistance; if the child's condition meets certain disability standards.



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