

ERIE COUNTY HEALTH SUPPORTS RESOURCE GUIDE

Health Supports can help low-income New Yorkers make ends meet while improving the health and well-being of individuals and families. This Resource Guide provides information on major Health Insurance supports available to residents of Erie County.

Internet Resources: Helpful websites for free or low cost health insurance are: 1. www.enrollny.org 2. www.healthyny.org

Benefit or Service	Who is Eligible?	Cost	Documentation Required	Where to Apply/Get More Information
Medicaid (MA)	Certain low income individuals and families who cannot afford to pay for medical care	None; except for Spend-down cases	Identity; SSN, Citizenship or Immigration Status, Residence, Income, and certain expenses such as child care. Proof of resources is required for long term care coverage.	Erie Co. Department of Social Services (ECDSS) 858-6244 or Facilitated Enroller 1-800-698-4543 or 1-877-934-7587 or NYS MA Helpline 1-800-541-2831
Transitional Medicaid (TMA)	Former Temporary Assistance (TA) recipients whose cases are closed and meet eligibility requirements	None	No application required. Enrollment for 12 months is automatic after TA case is closed.	ECDSS 858-8000
Family Health Plus (FHP)	Single adults, childless couples, and parents w/low income between the ages of 19 and 64 who do not qualify financially for MA	None	Identity; SSN, Citizenship or Immigration Status, Residence and Income	Facilitated Enroller 1-800-698-4543 (child) 1-877-934-7587 (family)
Family Health Plus – Premium Assistance Program (FHP-PAP)	Single adults, childless couples, and parents w/low income between the ages of 19 - 64 who do not qualify financially for MA and have health insurance available through their employer	Varies	Identity; SSN, Citizenship or Immigration Status, Residence, Income, and proof of employer based health insurance availability	Facilitated Enroller 1-800-698-4543 (child) 1-877-934-7587 (family)
Child Health Plus (CHPlus)	NYS residents under 19 years of age who are not MA eligible, do not have 3 rd party health insurance and do not qualify for state health benefits	Free to full premium depending on income	Identity; SSN, Citizenship or Immigration Status, Residence, Income, and certain expenses such as child care.	Facilitated Enroller 1-800-698-4543 (child) 1-877-934-7587 (family)
Family Planning Benefit Program (FPBP)	Covers males and females ages 11 - 64 with family planning services who do not qualify for MA or FHP	None	Identify, income, citizenship or immigration status	NYS MA Helpline 1-800-541-2831 Planned Parenthood of WNY Deaconess Family Planning at Kaleida Health
Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic	Anyone 12 years old and over	None	They will work with what you have	Erie County Dept. of Health 608 William St. Buffalo, NY 14206 858-7687
Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD)	Individuals with disabilities between the ages of 16 and 64 who are working full or part time	Free to full premium, depending on income	Income, citizenship or immigration status, identity, resources, expenses, including Impairment Related Work Expenses, residence, SSN and proof of employment	http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/buy_in/index.htm
Medicare Savings Program (MSP)	Low income Medicare beneficiaries needing assistance with paying Medicare premiums and other Medicare costs	None	Residence, income, Medicare card, health insurance premiums, immigration status	http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/update/savingsprogram/medicaresavingsprogram.htm Apply through Erie County DSS 858-6244

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Prenatal Care NYS	Health coverage for eligible pregnant women through at least 2 months after delivery and for their infants until the age of 1	None	NYS residency, identity, income	Prenatal Care hotline 1-800-522-5006 http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/6000/
Children's Presumptive Eligibility	NYS residents under age 19 with low income-provides immediate Medicaid coverage while Medicaid eligibility is being determined	None	Attestation of Citizenship/Immigrant status, age, income, residency and household size	Northwest Community Center 155 Lawn Ave. Buffalo, NY (875-2904)
Together RX Access	Residents with no prescription drug coverage and not eligible for Medicare, who meet income guidelines		May request income & citizenship	www.togetherrxaccess.com or call 1-800-444-4106
Bridges to Health	Certain children in foster care until the age of 21 and their families	None	Diagnoses by a medical professional of serious medical disturbance, developmental disability, or medical fragility. Must be in foster care	Contact your foster care caseworker or www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/b2h
Community Health Center of Buffalo	People with no health insurance or high deductible +/- or co-pay	Fee based on income & HH size. Minimum payment \$10	Per program requirements	www.buffalochc.org 986-9199 34 Benwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14214
MA Transportation	Certain individuals who are currently in receipt of Medicaid	None	Doctor completes a medical and social application	Medicaid Utilization Review Intake: 858-4877
Mental Health	People who are in need of services	fee based on income	Per program requirements	Erie Co. Department of Mental Health 858-8530
Senior Services	Residents age 60 and older		Varies by program	Erie Co. Department of Senior Services 858-8526
Long Term Care/ Nursing Home Division (LTC/NHD)	Certain individuals who are over 65 years of age or disabled based on income and resources	Free to varied	Identity; SSN, Citizenship or Immigration Status, Residence, Income, and certain expenses such as child care. Proof of resources is required	www.nyconnects.org OR ECDSS 858-1901
Verizon Lifeline Low-Cost Telephone Service and SafeLink Cell Phone Service	Families with limited income or currently receiving SSI, TA, FS, HEAP, MA, VA benefits	Yes	Proof of income or government benefits	1-800-555-5000 http://www.verizonwireless.com/b2c/landingpages/lifeline.jsp www.safelinkwireless.com
Good Neighbors Health Center	People with limited incomes. Services include medical, vision, dental, and chiropractor	None 1 st come, 1 st served	Per program requirements	175 Jefferson Ave., Buffalo, NY http://www.harvesthouse.ws/goodneighbors 856-2400
Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program: Breast, Cervical, Colorectal and Prostate cancer (MCTP)	Certain uninsured individuals who have been diagnosed with or are being treated for these cancers and are not eligible for other Medicaid Programs (MA, FHP, etc.) & whose income is below 250% Federal Poverty Level	None	Identity; SSN, Citizenship or Immigration Status, Residence, Income, and certain expenses such as child care.	1-866-442-2262 (Cancer Services Program) or 1-800-541-2831 (Medicaid Help Line)