

Medicaid (KanCare)

KanCare; known as (Medicaid) is a joint federal/state program that provides health coverage to children, pregnant women, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Kansas contracted with (3) different managed care organizations (MCOs), to coordinate health care for all people enrolled in Medicaid. The (3) different MCO's are Amerigroup of Kansas, Inc. (Amerigroup), Sunflower Health Plan (Sunflower), and United Health Care. Consumers get to pick which MCO they prefer when applying for Medicaid. A person is allowed once a year to change their MCO, only during open enrollment which is January-March, of each year if they are dissatisfied.

Once a person is on the Home Community Based Services Waiver (HCBS) no longer on the waiting list, they are automatically Medicaid Eligible. If a person receives SSI, they are automatically eligible for Medicaid. If a person does not have SSI or nor HCBS Waiver Options, they can apply as "Medically Needy," solely based on income level. KanCare (Medicaid) pays for doctor's visits, eye, hospital, medicine, mental health care, Medicare premiums, and institutional care. Dental care is covered but is very limited resulting in fewer dental providers that participate in KanCare.

If you are applying as an adult with a disability (over 18) you will only include the information for that adult; not the income/resources of other family members and guardians. If you have not accessed this benefit, please do so. Your Targeted Case Manager can help link you to this service option.

It is best to complete the paper application, then faxing it in as the state pushes those w/Disabilities through faster. You can apply online at www.applyforKanCare.ks.gov. If you need assistance while completing the application you may call 1-800-792-4884.

Some of the information you may need to provide is social security number, proof of income including pay stubs with gross income, proof of health insurance if someone in the household has other insurance including a bill that shows how much you pay for the insurance, copy of bank statements, and proof of any additional resources you are reporting.

If you want assistance completing this application you may also contact the Transition Coordinator, Cristi Wieggers, at 785-456-2214 or wieggersc@usd320.com