



Health-Care Coverage Options



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Medical Coverage

Medicaid provides comprehensive medical, dental and vision coverage to North Dakota children and adults through a variety of coverage programs and waivers, including:

- **Autism Spectrum Disorder Waiver** provides services for young children birth to age 5 who have a diagnosis of an autism spectrum disorder. The waiver will give families access to an evaluation team that can validate their child's diagnosis and serve as a resource for the family's local service providers. Other waiver services include Developmental Disabilities Program Management, parent training and support (Intervention Coordination), and In-Home supports (additional care giving to help with day-to-day activities and respite). The waiver also provides financial help with the cost of equipment, supplies and environmental modifications. (Apply by contacting the Developmental Disabilities Unit at one of the regional human service centers. Contact information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/.)
- **Children with Disabilities Medicaid Coverage** allows qualifying children with disabilities to buy into Medicaid. The program provides comprehensive coverage through Medicaid, including dental and mental health coverage, in return for a premium. (Apply at your local county social service office.)
- **Children and Family Coverage** provides coverage to children younger than 21, to pregnant women, and to adult caretakers of deprived children. Most receive full coverage; however, some with higher income may be required to pay for a portion of their care. (Apply at your local county social service office.)
- **Children's Hospice Services Waiver** provides support to families so they can care for their children (birth through age 21) in their homes as long as possible avoiding lengthy stays and delaying or avoiding institutional care. The child must have a diagnosis and not be expected to live longer than one year. The program also allows families to access treatments that focus on curative and comfort care for their children. (To apply, call 701.328.4630.)
- **Children with Medically Fragile Needs Medicaid Waiver** is designed to assist qualifying medically fragile children between ages 3 and 18. The child needs to be living at home, be Medicaid eligible, be able to meet Level of Care criteria for a nursing home and meet criteria based on the Level of Need. (To apply, call 701.328.4630.)

Health-Care Programs

Bridge to Benefits is a multi-state project sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund – Midwest Region focused on improving the well-being of families and individuals by linking them to public work support programs and tax credits. (For more information, call 701.400.1827 or visit nd.bridgetobenefits.org.)

Shriners Hospitals for Children provide no-cost medical care to children with orthopedic problems, spinal cord injuries or burns. (800.237.5055)

Community Health Centers (CHC) serve all patients regardless of their ability to pay for services. CHCs are located in Beulah, Center, Fargo, Grand Forks, Larimore, McClusky, Northwood, Rolette, Rolla, Towner and Turtle Lake. (Call 701.221.9824 for specific site contact information.)

North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD) may provide fund raising or some financial assistance for individuals with disabilities. (800.532.6323)

United Health Care Children's Foundation supports the concept of facilitating access to health-related services that have the potential to significantly enhance either the clinical condition or the quality of life of the child and that are not fully covered by an available commercial health benefit plan. The Foundation provides financial assistance toward the family's share of the cost of medical services. (www.uhccf.org)

Indian Health Service (IHS) provides health services to American Indians and Alaskan Natives who belong to federally recognized tribes. The IHS administers health services through IHS facilities, through tribally-operated facilities and by contracting for health services. (www.ihs.gov)

Service Organizations such as the Elks, Kiwanas, Sertoma, Lions and Quota may offer assistance with medical-related expenses. (Check the local phone book for contact numbers.)



**Please note, this is not an all-inclusive list of health-care coverage options.

Dental Coverage

Safety Net Dental Clinics are programs that usually see patients who do not have other access to dental care. The patients typically are covered by Medicaid or the clinic offers sliding fee schedules or reduced fees.

- **Bridging the Dental Gap** is a nonprofit community dental clinic serving low-income and uninsured individuals in the Bismarck-Mandan area. (701.221.0158)
- **Family Healthcare Center Dental Clinic** is a federally qualified community health center serving low-income and uninsured individuals within the Fargo Red River Valley Region. (701.271.3332)
- **Northland Community Health Center Dental Clinic** is part of a federally qualified community health center serving low-income, uninsured and insured individuals of all ages in central North Dakota. (701.448.9111)
- **Red River Valley Dental Access Project** serves low-income, uninsured and Medicaid-eligible individuals who have urgent dental pain and do not have access to a dentist in Fargo-Moorhead. (701.364.5364)
- **Valley Community Health Center Dental Clinic** is a federally qualified health center serving low-income, uninsured and insured individuals of all ages in the Northern Red River Valley. (701.757.2100)

North Dakota Donated Dental Services is a network of volunteer dentists who provide dental care to the state's most vulnerable people: disabled, elderly or medically compromised individuals who cannot afford necessary treatment nor get public aid. (866.572.9390)

Jerene's Wish is a program that provides orthodontic treatment at a minimal cost to eligible children. For more information, call Warford Orthodontics at 701.255.1311 or e-mail info@warfordorthodontics.com.

Smiles Change Lives promotes and provides access to essential orthodontic treatment for children from low-income families. (888.900.3554 or www.smileschangelives.org)

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a mobile dental clinic on wheels that delivers urgently needed dental care to underserved children birth through age 21 in their own neighborhoods in the western half of North Dakota. The Care Mobile treats children who do not have a regular dentist and who have not seen a dentist within the past two years. (www.rmhcbismarck.org/caremobile/)

- **Home and Community-Based Services Waiver** provides alternative services for individuals with disabilities who are at least 18 years of age and individuals older than 65 years of age who are eligible for the Medicaid Program and have medical needs that would qualify them to enter a nursing facility. The waiver allows North Dakota to pay for alternative services needed for these individuals to remain in their own homes or community settings. Recipients may be required to pay for a portion of their care based on their income. (Apply at your local county social service office.)
- **Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Waiver** assists eligible individuals with intellectual disabilities and developmental disabilities to remain living at home and in the community. This waiver serves individuals through the lifespan (both children and adults). Services offered under the waiver include Developmental Disabilities Program Management; Infant Development (for children birth to age 3); In-Home Supports; Assistance with transportation costs, equipment, supplies, and environmental modifications; and Adult Services such as day services, job coaching and residential services. (Apply by contacting the Developmental Disabilities Unit at one of the regional human service centers. Contact information is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/regionalhsc/.)
- **Workers with Disabilities Medicaid Coverage** allows some individuals with disabilities who want to work, or who are already working and who want to increase their earnings, to do so without fear of losing their Medicaid coverage. It allows qualifying individuals to buy into Medicaid. The program provides comprehensive coverage through Medicaid, including dental and mental health coverage, in return for a premium. (Apply at your local county social service office.)

Healthy Steps is a benefit program for eligible North Dakota children to age 19 who do not have a source of health-care coverage. The program offers comprehensive medical, dental and vision coverage. (877.KIDS.NOW or 877.543.7669)

Caring for Children is a benefit program for eligible North Dakota children to age 19 who do not have another source of health-care coverage. The program offers primary medical and dental care, as well as mental health and chemical dependency treatment. (800.342.4718)



Children's Special Health Services Specialty Care Diagnostic and Treatment Program helps families pay for medical services to diagnose and treat children with eligible medical conditions from birth to age 21. (800.755.2714)

Comprehensive Health Association of North Dakota (CHAND) provides comprehensive health insurance to residents of North Dakota who have been denied health insurance or are considered high risk. (800.737.0016)

Student Health Plans are available for purchase by students who don't have health insurance through a parent's health insurance policy or who have limited coverage due to network service areas. Student plans are sold by an insurer that has contracted with a college to offer coverage to its students. In general, these plans have more limited benefits and more exclusions than traditional health insurance plans. (Contact an insurance agent to inquire about student health plans.)

Vision Coverage

InfantSEE® is a public health program designed to ensure early detection of eye conditions in babies. Member optometrists provide a comprehensive eye and vision assessment for infants within the first year of life regardless of a family's income or access to insurance coverage. (888.396.3937 or www.infantsee.org)

New Eyes for the Needy purchases new prescription eyeglasses through a voucher program for children and adults in the U.S. who cannot afford glasses on their own. (www.neweyesfortheneedy.org)

Vision USA provides basic eye health and vision care services free of charge to uninsured, low-income people and their families. (701.258.6766 or www.aoa.org/visionusa.xml)

VSP Sight for Students is a charity that provides free vision exams and glasses to low-income, uninsured children. (888.290.4964)



Prescription Coverage

Prescription Connection for North Dakota is a program of the North Dakota Insurance Department that connects kids and families with free and discounted prescription drugs direct from the pharmaceutical manufacturer. (888.575.6611 or www.rxconnectnd.org)

ND Prescription Drug Repository Program collects and distributes donated medications from hospitals, hospices and other facilities so that pharmacies and physicians can dispense them to those who struggle paying for prescriptions regardless of insurance coverage. The medications and supplies are unopened and secure but cannot be resold to patients. (www.nodakpharmacy.com)

NeedyMeds offers a database of medications that can be obtained free or at low cost by uninsured, low-income patients, usually through manufacturer programs. (www.needymeds.org)

Partnership for Prescription Assistance offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs. It is funded by pharmaceutical companies. (888.477.2669 or www.pparx.org)

RX Assist provides consumer information, resources, news and a directory of patient assistance programs that offer affordable or free medications. (401.729.3284 or rxassist.org)

