



Medicaid in Connecticut

2026

MEDICAID

Medicaid provides health care coverage to low-income residents in every state. It is administered by each state under federal rules and serves as a critical safety net for one in five U.S. residents. The federal government pays more than half of the state's Medicaid costs. Medicaid is separate from Medicare, which covers seniors and people with disabilities.

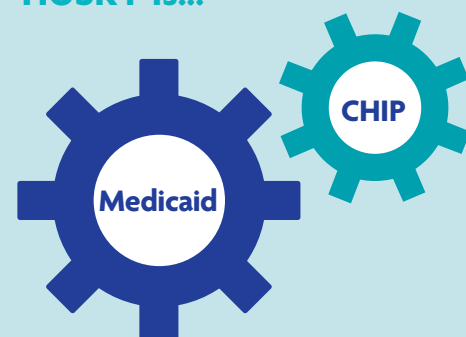
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HUSKY

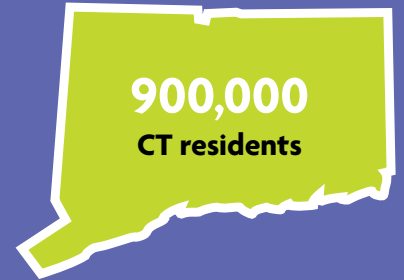
HUSKY is Connecticut's name for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), which covers children whose family incomes are above the Medicaid limit.

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WHY MEDICAID MATTERS:

- Medicaid provides health care coverage to more than 900,000 state residents – including more than 365,000 children.¹
- Medicaid makes it possible for people to receive preventive care to stay healthy and to get medical care, behavioral health services, and dental care when they need it.
- Medicaid is the largest payer of long-term care in the state, covering residents in nursing homes and those receiving home health care.

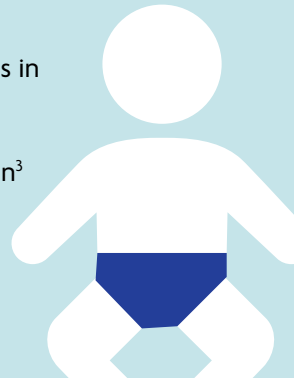


HUSKY COVERS:

- 22% of state residents
- Residents of every city and town



- 41% of all births in Connecticut²
- 365,023 children³



Nationally, Medicaid and CHIP cover 21% of U.S. residents and 41% of all births.⁴

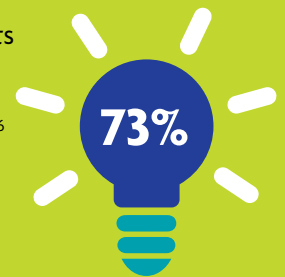


OF MEDICAID MEMBERS:⁵

Two of five are children



73% of adults covered by Medicaid are working⁶

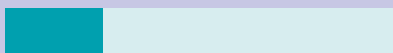


WHAT ROLE DOES MEDICAID PLAY IN THE ECONOMY?

Medicaid is one of the major funders of health care services – money that goes to hospitals, community health centers, behavioral health providers, and others who deliver care.

Medicaid covers:

25% of hospital discharges⁷



58% of community health center patients⁸



Medicaid covers two of three nursing home residents⁹



What are HUSKY A B C and D?

There are four parts of HUSKY.

Name	Who's covered?	Income limit	How many people ¹⁰	Average monthly per-person cost ¹¹	Federal government pays
HUSKY A	Children Parents Pregnant people	201% FPL 138% FPL* 263% FPL	539,100	\$391	50%
HUSKY B (CHIP)	Children whose family incomes are too high for Medicaid	323% FPL	21,800	\$263	65%
HUSKY C	Seniors People with disabilities	105% FPL	84,700	\$3,362	50%
HUSKY D	Adults without minor children	138% FPL	312,700	\$732	90%

Enrollment and cost data is as of fall 2024

Enrollment numbers are rounded to nearest hundred

FPL: Federal poverty level

**Eligibility for parents and other caretakers of minor children was cut from 150% FPL to 138% during the 2024 legislative session.*

To qualify for HUSKY A, a family of three would have to earn less than \$36,777 per year (138% of FPL).

To qualify for HUSKY D, a single person would have to earn less than \$21,597 per year.

WHAT ARE THE LONG-TERM OUTCOMES OF MEDICAID?

Research¹² has linked Medicaid coverage of children and pregnant women to long-term health and economic benefits. These include:

- **Better health during adulthood:** improved overall health, reduced obesity, decreased hospitalizations, lower rates of disability, and reduced mortality.
- **Greater educational attainment:** higher reading test scores, reduced high school drop-out rates and increased likelihood of college attendance and degree completion.
- **Increased employment, higher earnings, higher tax payments** in adulthood.

Research^{13 14} has also found that the expansion of Medicaid to low-income adults without minor children – which occurred under the Affordable Care Act – has been linked to:

- Improved access to medical care and behavioral health treatment.
- More early-stage cancer diagnosis and treatment.
- Less medical debt and fewer unpaid bills among low-income people.

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How can I learn more?

Read: [Medicaid 101](#) by KFF

[Medicaid in Connecticut](#) by KFF

[Medicaid's role in Connecticut's economy, health system, and budget](#) by Edwin Park, Georgetown Center for Children and Families

[Faces of HUSKY D: The impact of Connecticut's Medicaid expansion](#) by the Connecticut Health Foundation

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