

Medicaid FAQ

- What happens to my Medicaid when I go to jail?
 - If in jail for less than a month, your Medicaid will restart the month after the month of your release (ex. Released in May, benefits resume in June). You still have hospital insurance though.
- What happens if I am in jail for longer than 1 month (up to a year)?
 - If your yearly eligibility review comes up during that time you may not have time to complete it by the time that it is due. If that happens, you have to file a new application. You can only file an application from January through March and then you can get benefits beginning in July?
- What if my Medicaid is ended?
 - You have to contact your local social services office. The jail provides a referral form for you to take to the social services office.
- What about my children's Medicaid?
 - Your children's benefits will continue as long as they are still eligible.
- How do I begin Medicaid?
 - You may file an application between January and March if you meet eligibility requirements (low income, citizen).
- What if I am unable to file an application myself?
 - A family member may apply on your behalf as long as they provide social services with your release date.