



## Adults without Dependent Children

On April 1, 2012, Medicaid coverage was extended to adults who do not have dependent children on Medicaid. Total enrollment in the program is currently limited.

### Who is eligible?

The Adults without Dependent Children (AwDC) Medicaid expansion will cover those who are:

- Ages 19 through 64 who do not have a Medicaid-eligible dependent child;
- At or below 10% of the FPL, which is about \$95 per month for a single adult (\$129 for a married couple);
- Not eligible for Medicaid under any other category; and
- Not eligible for Medicare.

### How can people apply?

People who meet the eligibility criteria can apply the same way as other Medicaid applicants. They can:

- Submit the Application for Medical Assistance or the Application for Public Assistance by mail, or in person at their county department of human/social services or application assistance site. These sites also offer help with completing an application. Locations are listed on the Department [Website](#) or
- Use [Colorado PEAK](#) to submit an application online

### What will the health care benefits be?

- AwDC clients receive the same [Regular Medicaid benefits](#) as other Medicaid clients, including mental health services delivered through a Behavioral Health Organization.
- Co-pays are the same as for current Medicaid clients. Updated co-pay amounts can be found the Department's [website](#).
- AwDC clients are enrolled into the [Accountable Care Collaborative](#) program to ensure the coordination of their health care benefits. They are mandatorily enrolled into a [Regional Care Collaborative Organization](#) that serves the region in which they live.

### Why is enrollment limited?

Although the Department estimates that there are about 50,000 Adults without Dependent Children who would meet the eligibility criteria, the Department limits enrollment to keep the costs within the available funding. Funding for this expansion does not come from the State General Fund, but from new revenue generated by the hospital provider fee through the [Colorado Health Care Affordability Act](#).

### How will the enrollment increase be rolled out?

On April 1, 2013, the Department will add 3,000 new slots to the AwDC program. Applicants from the waitlist will be randomly selected to fill those 3,000 slots plus any existing slots that opened up during the month of March. The Department will then add 1,250 new slots per month for the following five months (May, June, July, August and September) and will continue to fill existing slots that open, bringing the total enrollment to 19,250 Adults without Dependent Children in September 2013. **Note: all planned increases are subject to the availability of hospital provider fee funding.** If it appears that funding will be insufficient to cover program costs, the Department may reduce the planned increases.

<b>Date</b>	<b>New Slots Added</b>	<b>Total AwDC Enrollment</b>
March 2013	0	10,000
April 2013	3,000	13,000
May 2013	1,250	14,250
June 2013	1,250	15,500
July 2013	1,250	16,750
August 2013	1,250	18,000
September 2013	1,250	19,250
October 2013	0	19,250

### **How will the eligible applicants be selected to enroll during the increase? Will any of the eligibility criteria or selection processes change?**

Applicants who have been determined eligible are placed on the existing waitlist for the Adults without Dependent Children program. Applicants from the waitlist will be randomly selected for enrollment into open and new slots each month. Applicants must still meet the same eligibility criteria (including the income limit of 10% of FPL), and they are selected from the waitlist using the same randomized selection process as before. The only change is that more slots will be available each month during April – September 2013. Because the Department will continue to use the existing waitlist during the increase roll-out, applicants who are already on the waitlist do not need to re-apply.

### **Will applicants be randomly selected from the entire state?**

The initial 10,000 enrollment positions were allocated across the state by region. The regions are the same as those used by the Department's Accountable Care Collaborative (ACC) program. However, once the enrollment slots were full, the Department began a waitlist for eligible applicants. Currently, the Department uses a statewide random selection process to fill open slots, meaning that applicants are randomly selected from the waitlist without regard to region.

### **What will happen to applicants who are not randomly selected to enroll in one of the 19,250 slots?**

In January 2013, Governor John Hickenlooper announced that Colorado will participate in the Medicaid expansion that is part of federal health care reform. On January 1, 2014, Colorado Medicaid will provide coverage for adults ages 19 through 64, without Medicaid dependent children, who have incomes up to 133% percent FPL. All eligible applicants will be enrolled at that time with no enrollment cap.

### **How can I provide input and follow program decisions?**

The Department has a stakeholder advisory committee. Meetings are open to the public. Additional information about the advisory committee is available on the Department's [Website](#).

For more information, please visit the [Department's website](#).

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