

Presumptive Eligibility

What is PE?

Presumptive eligibility (PE) is a process that offers short-term coverage of health care services for Kansans with limited incomes who are not currently receiving Medicaid. The goal of PE is to provide consumers with immediate access to health care.

Who can get PE?

Children, Low-income Parents & Caretakers, and Pregnant Women who do not currently have Medicaid. You must also:

- be a U.S. citizen or qualified legal immigrant;
- be a resident of Kansas; and
- meet income guidelines.



How does the PE process work?

Consumers are asked a few questions to help identify the coverage for which you qualify. This includes but is not limited to household and income information. Based on the information you provide, a PE determination will be made immediately, and an eligibility letter is generated. Keep this letter and take it to all doctor visits while covered under the PE program.

How do I apply for PE?

Find an approved PE provider to submit a PE application. This can include qualified hospitals or other entities authorized by the state to screen PE such as healthcare providers & community-based organizations.



What is covered during Presumptive Eligibility?

Services covered under PE will depend upon your situation and the type of PE a consumer is eligible for. For instance, Pregnant Women coverage under the PE program does not cover labor & delivery.



How long am I covered through PE?

PE coverage begins on the date it has been approved and will end the month following the PE determination. If the application is received during the PE period, it will remain active until the state can make a determination.

Do I need to pick a health plan and doctor?

Depending on the type of PE coverage a consumer is eligible for will determine if a health plan can be chosen. For instance, Pregnant Women benefits under the PE program are not covered under any MCO. Under the PE program, consumers cannot choose a doctor.

How can I apply for KanCare after the PE determination has been completed?

The entity assisting with Presumptive Eligibility will help you submit a KanCare application. Entity staff will also provide ongoing support through the application process by helping submit any verifications and contacting the Clearinghouse as needed.

Applications can be accepted by:

- Submitting a paper application
- Submitting an online application at <http://www.kancare.ks.gov/consumers/apply-for-kancare>

