



MediKan

General Information

The MediKan program helps people who have physical or mental disabilities. If you apply for MediKan benefits, you must also apply for Social Security Income (SSI). If you are found eligible for the MediKan program you will be sent a medical card. This card can be used to pay part or all your medical bills. You must have very low income and resources to be eligible for MediKan.

MediKan definition of disability: a severe impairment that limits physical or mental ability to do basic work activity that is expected to last 12 months or result in death.

Eligibility

To be eligible for MediKan:

- Must be ages 18-64.
- You must have filed for disability through the Social Security Administration. If you were denied you must be actively appealing.
- You can only receive MediKan benefits for 12 months.
- You must have very low income and resources to be eligible for the program.

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- For a married couple living together, both spouses must meet the disability criteria.
 - If one spouse is disabled but the other is not, then neither of them will be eligible for MediKan.

Benefits of MediKan

Healthcare benefits:

- Health benefits include medical care in acute situations and during catastrophic illness.
 - Overall, services covered by MediKan are like services covered by Medicaid. Some restrictions and limitations apply.
- Services DO include prescription drugs, but there may be quite a few that are not covered.
- **Note:** MediKan recipients are not assigned a Managed Care Organization (MCO). The member will get a card from the Kansas Medical Assistance Program, this is part of the Kansas Medicaid program.
- **Note:** MediKan offers limited Durable Medical Equipment (DME) coverage.

Non-covered MediKan Benefits:

- Adult Day Treatment
- Behavioral Management
- Chiropractic
- Dental
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
- Long Term Care
- Intermediate/day treatment for alcohol and drug addiction facility services
- Nonemergency and non-ambulance medical transportation
- Podiatry
- Vision Services

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Time Limit

- MediKan services have a lifetime limit of a 12-month coverage period beginning on the month the person is approved.
- Once approved, the coverage period continues to run even if the individual becomes ineligible
 - This includes excess income or resources, moved out of state, marry a non-disabled person.
 - There is no MediKan eligibility after the expiration of this 12-month period. After the 12-month coverage is over, you cannot receive for MediKan coverage again. If the applicant is denied they can reapply for KanCare/ Kansas Medicaid at any time. If the applicant's condition has worsened they should reapply and may be determined eligible.

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