

Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

A message to you from Kansas Medicaid:

Receiving prenatal care as soon as you know you are pregnant, is important for both mom and baby. Early health care can keep you healthy and lead to a healthier baby. Presumptive Eligibility (PE) for Pregnant Women (PE-PW) will cover the cost of early pregnancy doctor visits while you complete the full Medicaid application process. If you have low income and are pregnant, PE-PW may be for you.



What is PE-PW?

PE-PW allows pregnant women who appear eligible for Medicaid to receive prenatal care while waiting for the Medicaid application to be fully processed. PE- PW covers doctor visits and outpatient prenatal care beginning the day that the PE-PW application is approved.

Will PE-PW pay for my first visit?

Yes, if you are approved for PE-PW, outpatient, ambulatory medical services provided, that are related to your pregnancy will be covered. If you are not eligible for PE-PW coverage, you will be responsible for paying for the services.

How do I apply for PE-PW?

1. Find an approved PE-PW provider to submit a PE-PW application. You can do this by going to <https://kancare.ks.gov>. Once you find a PE-PW provider, they will complete the PE and Medicaid application to determine if you are eligible with coverage starting that day.

2. PE-PW coverage is temporary, and you must complete a Medicaid application for health coverage in order to determine if you are eligible for ongoing coverage. If you do not submit a Medicaid application for health coverage, your PE-PW coverage will end. The cost for delivery of your baby is NOT covered under the PE-PW benefits.

Who can get PE-PW?

Women who are pregnant and do not already have Medicaid. You must also:

- Be a U.S. citizen or have an eligible immigration status,
- Be a resident of Kansas; and
- Have gross monthly household income at or below the amounts listed to the right.

HH for a PW includes the number of babies she is expecting.

Household	Income
2	2913
3	3680
4	4446
5	5213
6	5980
7	6746
8	7513
Extra Person	767

What should I bring to my first visit?

You will be asked to provide the following information:

- Name
- Address
- Phone Number
- Family Size
- Household Gross Monthly Income

How long am I covered through PE-PW?

Your coverage will remain open until the state determines if you are eligible for ongoing coverage. You need to apply for health coverage by completing the Medicaid application by the last day of the month following the month your PE-PW coverage was approved.

Do I need to pick a health plan?

No. Your PE-PW services are not delivered through a health plan. You will not select a health plan until your full application is approved.

If I get Medicaid coverage before delivery, will my baby have health care coverage?

Yes. Babies who are born to women who have Medicaid coverage are also covered by Medicaid beginning at birth. Women who are not covered at the time of labor and delivery, including those who had PE-PW, will have to apply for Medicaid coverage for their newborn. The application process can take some time. It is best if you apply and respond to all requests for information from the state, before your baby is born.

What services are not covered?

Some services are not covered by PE-PW, including:

- Pregnancy related care when they are admitted to the hospital Labor and delivery
- Services that are not for your prenatal care
- It is important to submit a full Medicaid application for health coverage, to determine if you are eligible for ongoing benefits.

After I am approved, how do I identify myself as a PE-PW member?

When you are approved for PE-PW, you will be provided with a signed Approval letter that states you are approved for PE-PW. You will need to keep this letter and take it to all doctor visits until your medical card arrives in the mail if approved for ongoing benefits.

Reminder of Your Responsibility

For your health and the health of your baby, you should complete the Medicaid application for health coverage right away. Please know that even if you are approved for PE-PW, you may not be approved for full Medicaid. After you submit your Medicaid application for health coverage, the state may request further information. It is very important that you respond promptly to all requests from the state regarding your application. If you do not respond, your request for coverage will be denied, and you will be responsible for paying all your labor and delivery costs. This can be very expensive! If you have questions about PE-PW, please contact your nearest PE Qualified Entity by searching our website at:

<https://kancare.ks.gov/providers/presumptive-eligibility>