

Split Application Medicaid

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What is Split Application Medicaid?

- A Medicaid pathway by which a child with a disability may be covered, despite their parents' financial ineligibility under normal circumstances, if the child has a sibling without a disability.

How does Split Application Medicaid work?

- Medicaid “deems” parental income to each child, so if parents make more money than allowed under Medicaid, the child also becomes ineligible.
- With the Split Application, parental income is deemed to the child without a disability, thus, the child with a disability may meet the eligibility requirements to qualify for Medicaid.
- The child with a disability must have less than \$4,000 in resources/assets and monthly income under the NJ Familycare Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD) NJ Care Community Medicaid limit (\$1,305 in 2025).
- The family household must have limited resources/assets, generally around \$6,000.

How to apply for Split Application Medicaid?

- Parents must contact their local [County Board of Social Services](#). Be sure to explain that you have a child with a disability and a child without a disability and you would like to apply for a “companion case” or make a split application.
- The parents may need to apply for both children under the [Medically Needy Program](#). But the county and Medicaid must first ensure that no other Medicaid program is appropriate for the child with a disability.

