

Split Application Medicaid

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What is Split Application Medicaid?

- A form of Medicaid through 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?

- Typically Medicaid “deems” parents’ income to each child, so in the event that the parents make more money than allowed under Medicaid, the child also becomes ineligible.*
- With the Split Application, parental income is only deemed to the child without a disability, thus, the child with a disability can meet the eligibility requirements for NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid, provided the child does not have income of their own that exceeds income limits.

**Deems in this context of Medicaid means that parental income is considered as the child’s income, regardless of whether or not the parents actually allocate income to their child.*

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 need to apply for both children under the **Medically Needy Program**. The child without a disability applies under this program while the child with a disability applies under NJ FamilyCare/Medicaid. The Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS) examines the child’s disability, consistent with Social Security standards.

**Intake workers are not always familiar with this form of Medicaid, so please do not hesitate to request a supervisor if the intake worker is unsure of how to proceed.*

