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What is Presumptive Eligibility?

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Presumptive Eligibility (PE) is a Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) program that provides immediate temporary medical coverage for children under 19 and pregnant women. You must complete an application and appear eligible to get the temporary health care benefits.

PE allows eligible pregnant women and children to receive access to immediate medical care through Health First Colorado or CHP+. The temporary medical coverage lasts to the end of the following month of application.

Who is eligible for PE?

- Children under 19
- Pregnant women

How do I apply for PE?

- You need to apply at an approved PE Site
- The PE site will give you the Medical Assistance Application or you can print it and bring it with you to the PE site. You can also apply through [PEAK](https://www.colorado.gov/PEAK) at [Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://www.colorado.gov/PEAK) and print out your application to present at the PE site. You must complete all pages of the application.

What is PEAK?

- Colorado PEAK is Colorado's online application for public benefits including Health First Colorado and CHP+.
- PEAK is available 24/7 and can be accessed from any computer with internet access at [Colorado.gov/PEAK](https://www.colorado.gov/PEAK).

What type of PE medical benefits will I receive?

The medical benefits you receive are based on which program (Health First Colorado or CHP+) you are found eligible for based on your family size and income.



Health First Colorado PE Pregnant Women	Health First Colorado PE Children	CHP+ PE Children/Pregnant Women
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient Services • Prenatal Care <p>Inpatient (hospital) care, labor and delivery are NOT covered for pregnant women under PE.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health First Colorado Benefits • Include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doctor visits ○ Hospitalization ○ Mental health services ○ Prescriptions ○ Dental services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doctor visits • Hospitalization • Mental health services • Glasses and hearing aids • Prescriptions • Prenatal <p>Dental services are NOT Covered under CHP+ PE</p> <p>Inpatient (hospital) care, labor and delivery are NOT covered for pregnant women under PE.</p>

What happens next?

- Your application will be sent to an Eligibility Site or County of Residence for processing.
- The Eligibility Site or County of Residence will determine if you are eligible for expanded Health First Colorado or CHP+ beyond PE benefits.
- You will receive a letter in the mail from the Eligibility Site or County of Residence that will tell you if you are approved or denied for health care benefits. If you are approved for benefits, you will receive a medical card in the mail for each approved family member.

For more information, please visit Colorado.gov/hcpf.

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