



Fee for Service

State pays providers directly per service (DCH: physical health care/costs, DBHDD: behavioral health care/costs)

Children Served:⁴
Primarily children that are blind or disabled, including those enrolled in Katie Beckett

Ages Served:⁵
Blind: All ages
Katie Beckett⁶: 0 to 19 years

Key Requirements:⁷
Disability, income limits

Georgia Families 360° Managed Care

State pays Care Management Organization (CMO) per member per month to manage care/costs

Children Served:⁸
Children in foster care, receiving adoption assistance, and in some juvenile justice programs

Ages Served:⁹
Foster Care: 0 until 26
Adoption Assistance: 0 until 18
Juvenile Justice: While in custody

Key Requirements:¹⁰
In foster care, receiving adoption assistance, or juvenile justice eligible while in state custody in certain programs

Georgia Families Managed Care

State pays CMOs per month to manage care/costs

Children Served:¹¹
Children under age 19 with income limits per the chart below, as well as newborns born to mothers enrolled in any Medicaid program

Ages Served:¹²
0-19
Newborns: 0 to 13 months

Key Requirements:
Medicaid Income Limits¹³

Age	FPL ¹⁴	Income (for 4) ¹⁵
0 to 1	210%	\$63,000
1 to 6	154%	\$46,200
6 to 18	138%	\$41,400

PeachCare Income Limits¹⁶
0 until 18 257% \$74,100

*Due to recent legislation, the Federal match includes a 1.93 percentage point increase (for a total of 65.89%). The match increased ended in December 2023. See next page for more information.

Facts about Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids®

Note: Between April 1, 2023 and May 2024, Georgia is required to determine eligibility for every individual enrolled in Medicaid. As such, the number of children served in Medicaid and CHIP will fluctuate.

Medicaid

1,321,294 children (as of August 2003)¹⁷

What is it?

Medicaid is a jointly-funded, federal-state medical program for individuals and families with low-income.

Who does it cover?

It covers children, pregnant women, the aged, blind, and/or disabled people. All Georgia Medicaid beneficiaries must be citizens or legal residents for five years.

What does it cover?

In Georgia, Medicaid covers primary, preventive, specialty, dental, and vision care. In addition, the insurance covers hospitalization, emergency room visits, prescription medication, mental health care, and non-emergency medical transportation.

How is it funded?

Medicaid is financed through a combination of federal and state funds. The federal dollars vary year-to-year based on facts like the per capita income. Georgia's federal financial participation matching rate for Medicaid is 65.89% for the federal fiscal year 2024.¹⁸ In 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) authorized a 6.2 percentage point increase to the federal Medicaid match rate to offset the economic impact of the pandemic and to prevent coverage loss. In December 2022, Congress passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, ending the continuous coverage protection effective March 31, 2023, and extending and phasing down enhanced federal funding through the end of 2023.

PeachCare for Kids®

304,411 children (as of August 2003)¹⁹

Georgia's Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

What is it?

CHIP is a federal assistance program that helps states provide insurance for children in families with low-income that make too much to allow them to qualify for Medicaid coverage, but make too little to provide the insurance on their own.

Who does it cover?

In Georgia, CHIP covers children in families earning at or below 247% of the federal poverty level (at or below \$74,100 for a family of four).²⁰ See Voices' [Federal Poverty Level factsheet](#).

What does it cover?

In Georgia, CHIP covers primary, preventive, specialty, dental, and vision care. In addition, the insurance covers hospitalization, emergency room visits, prescription medications, and mental health care.

How is it funded?

Federal matching funds are available to subsidize more than 75% of the benefit cost less premiums with the remaining percentage coming from the state. The percentage of federal matching funds is adjusted annually. Georgia's enhanced federal financial participation matching rate for CHIP is 76.21% for the federal fiscal year 2024.²¹



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