

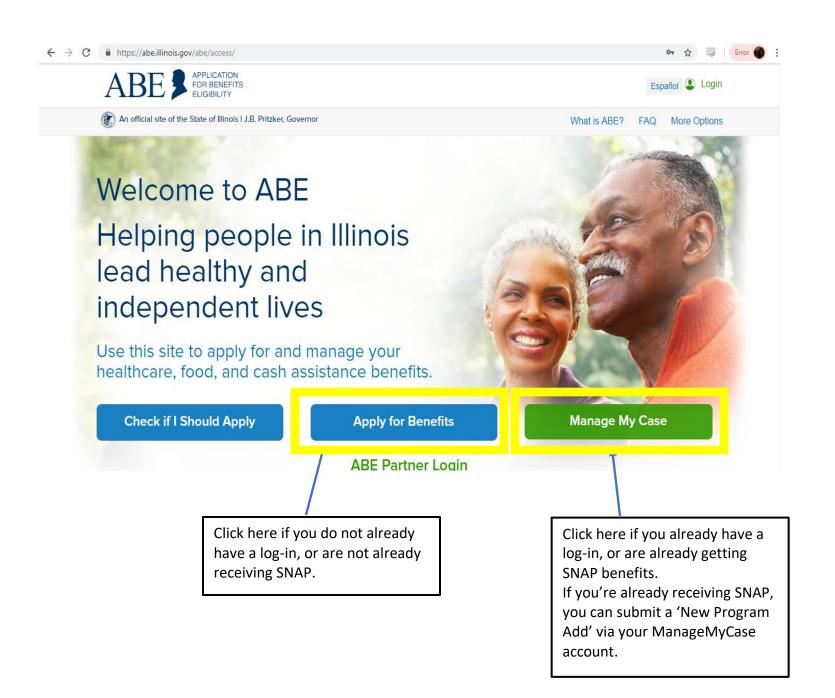
Unite Here Local 1 members -

This guide will not have a picture of every single page in the online Medicaid application, but will help you navigate through most of the pages where the questions might be confusing. If you have trouble applying, feel free to fill out a Healthy Local 1 Intake Form again and specify that you need help applying for Medicaid – we're here to help!

The most common forms of documentation you'll want to have ready when doing your Medicaid application are the ones to:

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- Verify State residency (such as an ID, utility bill, or letter of homelessness)
- Citizenship/Immigration status (Social Security card, Permanent Resident Card or I-94 documents, Passport)
- Income and Assets (paystubs or statement of benefits from SSA or Unemployment, Bank statements)
- Expenses (your apartment's lease)
- If applicable, proof of Pregnancy







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Click this if you're applying for the first time!

Click this if you already have a case with DHS, like if you're already getting SNAP. You'll then create a ManageMyCase account to add Medicaid on to your account.

Apply For Benefits

Welcome! Please click one of the buttons to tell us what you would like to do. Then click the Next button at the bottom of the page.

- Start a new application for Health care coverage, SNAP, Cash Assistance, and/or Medicare Savings Program. For most people, it will take approximately 30 minutes to fill out the application.
- Keep working on an application that you have already started.
- Check the status or view an application that you have already submitted.
- Register my agency as a Community Partner, or update my agency's information.

As you apply for benefits, **please do not use the Forward, Back or Stop buttons on your web browser** to move from page to page. Instead, use the buttons on this website.

Note: You will be logged out after 15 minutes of inactivity.

If you have technical difficulties using this website, please Report Technical Difficulties

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Create An Account

Before you get started on your application, it is a good idea to create a secure account. This should take just a few minutes.

If you create an account, you can save your application and come back to it later. We will also save the information as you go along. If anything happens while you are working on your application, you will not lose the work that you did.

Keep in mind that this is a secure website run by the Illinois Department of Human Services and the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. As required by law we will keep your information private and secure.

Please click one of the buttons to tell us what you would like to do. Then click the Next button at the bottom of the page.

- Create an account so you can save your application and come back to work on it later. You can also use this account to check the status of your application after you submit it.
- Log in using your existing account if you have an account.

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If you are creating an account and worried about losing the log-in info, feel free to send it to the Union. We'll hold on to it securely, if you need it later on and have forgotten it.

Just <u>click here</u> and fill out the form.

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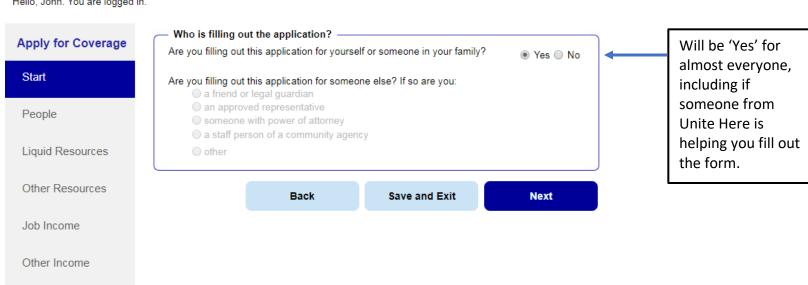
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Check the boxes for the program(s) you would like to apply for.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Helps people and families buy the food they need for good health. This program used to

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be called Food Stamps.

Helps provide healthcare benefits to low income people of all ages in Illinois. Some people know this program as Allkids or the medical card. More information on healthcare coverage

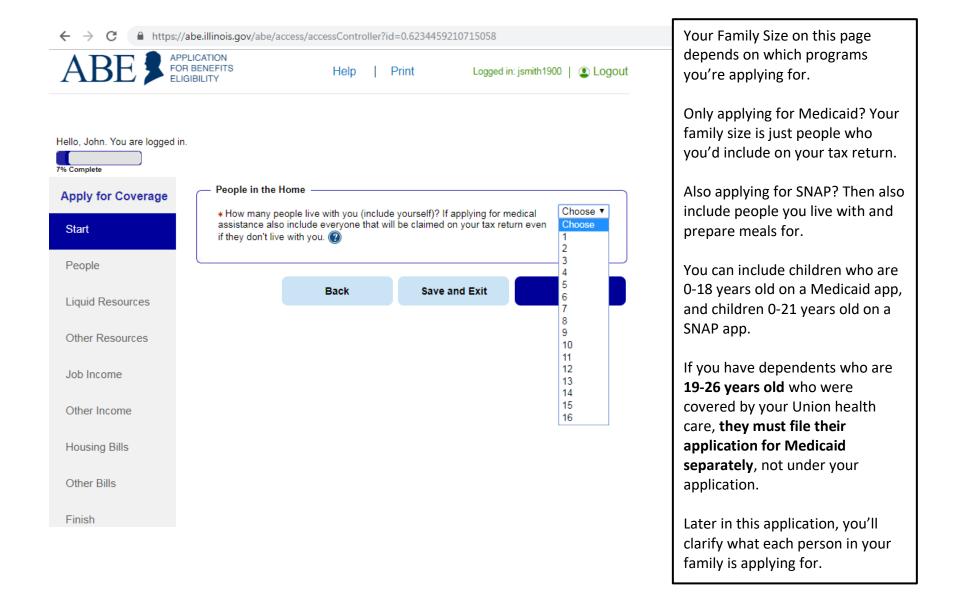
If you have unpaid medical bills for any of these months, check the box(es) to apply for help paying them.

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If you do not qualify for HFS medical programs, we will send your information to the federal Health Insurance Marketplace. The Marketplace will contact you to complete the application process by reviewing available tax credits and choosing and enrolling in a health plan.

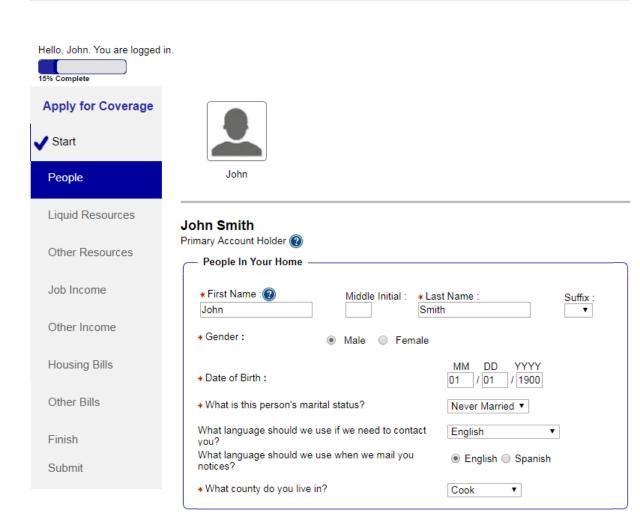
Here's where you'll select which programs you want to apply for. Everyone should select Healthcare Coverage to apply for Medicaid.

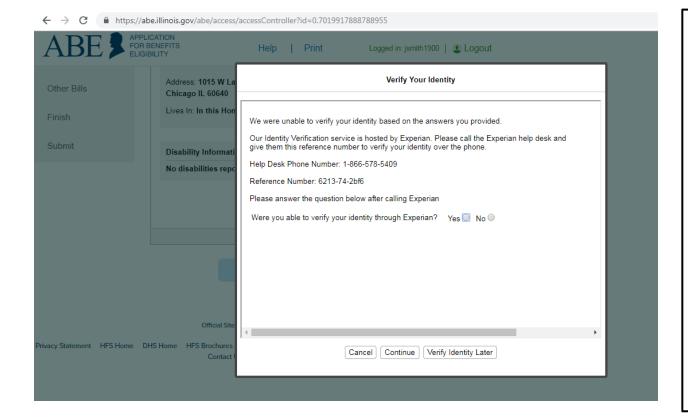
It's your choice if you want to also apply for SNAP. Do not apply again for SNAP if you're already receiving SNAP benefits.



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The Illinois DHS is able to electronically verify a lot of your info. Identity, citizenship status, and residency can all be verified electronically via a verification questionnaire that will be generated during your application. Answer the questions that come up to verify your identity.

Sometimes, as in this case, a questionnaire cannot be generated, or some of your info can't be verified. That's fine!
There is an opportunity at the end of the application to upload any proof that hasn't been verified during the application.

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31% Complete

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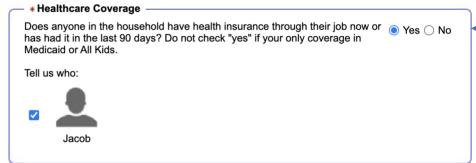
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DHS asks here about any other healthcare you might have. If you're still covered by Unite Here Health (for many people, through the end of August or September 2020), click **Yes**. If your healthcare has already expired more than 90 days ago, and you're currently uncovered/uninsured, click **No**.

(We will guide you through how to advise Medicaid that your Union insurance is expiring, closer to the end of your Union insurance.)

Hello, Jacob. You are logged in. More About Jacob's Healthcare Coverage **Apply for Coverage** You have told us that Jacob has Healthcare Coverage other than Medicare and Medicaid. Please answer the questions below to tell us more about the coverage. Start * Type of Coverage Health/hospital insurance (employer, parent, etc.) ∨ People Name of policyholder Liquid Resources Other Resources Name of the employer/ Unite Here Local 1 Job Income Address of the employer/ Address 711 N Commons Dr. City: Other Income Aurora Zip Code: Housing Bills Illinois **∨** 60504 Other Bills Are both physician Yes No and hospital services covered? Finish Has the O Yes O No insurance Submit ended? Is this COBRA insurance? Name of the insurance company Address of the insurance Address company 711 N Commons Dr. Aurora State : Zip Code: Illinois ✔ 60504 Phone Number 630 236 5100 Policy Number Group Number Date Coverage Began Ex: mm/dd/yyyy Does Jacob have any other Healthcare O Yes O No

Save and Exit

This (711 N Commons Dr., Aurora, Illinois, 60504) is the address of the Union's health fund. Use this here, and below in the "Address of the insurance company"

Choose "Yes" if you have Union insurance. Our Union healthcare covers both physician and hospital services.

Most people are probably applying for Medicaid **before** the Union insurance ends.

Our health plan is not listed in this menu, so choose "Others."

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Job Income Information

Tell us about the people in your home who have jobs or are self-employed.

* Current or Recent Job

Check the box for anyone who has a job right now or had a job in the last 3 months or is on strike from a job right now. Do not check this box if the person is self-employed.

No one



John



Check the box for anyone who is self-employed right now or has been self-employed in the last 3 months.

No one



John

Anybody that has been paid for working during the 90 days before completing this application needs to report that income, even if it has stopped and you're no longer working.

DHS can automatically verify some types of income on their own, but not all. If you have gotten paid within 30 days of this application, you will need to report it (i.e. DHS won't automatically have a record of it). To do so, you'll upload your paycheck stubs at the end of this application.

Verifying income is often a barrier to applying for Medicaid. If you don't upload proof and then don't respond to DHS if they contact you, you might not get enrolled in Medicaid. So: Have the paystub proof ready to be uploaded when you submit your application!



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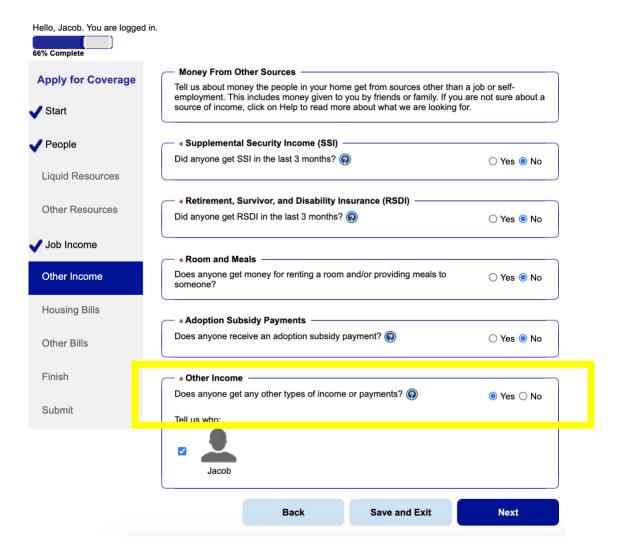
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Hello, John. You are logged in. 61% Complete More About John's Job Apply for Coverage Tell us more about a job John has had in the past 3 months. Do not enter information about Work Study here. We will ask about that later in the Other Income Start section. People Employer * Name Grocery Store Liquid Resources Employer ✓ Other Resources Employer Address Address: 123 Street Rd Job Income City: State: Zip Code: 60640 Chicago Illinois Other Income Employer 123 456 7890 Phone: Housing Bills Job Title: Employee Other Bills When did 01/01/2019 Ex: mm/dd/yyyy John start this job? Finish Is John's payment from employment expected to continue for the next 30 Yes \(\bigcap \) No days?

You'll fill in more info here about any jobs you've worked in the last 90 days. If you've worked in the last 30 days, you'll need to verify that income with paystubs.

They will ask if your job has ended, and the reason for ending. Many members have been laid off due to Covid-19 - if that's the case for you, the answer will be "Laid Off."



Report any other taxable income you get. Not all of it will count toward your Medicaid income limit.

Unemployment is entered under 'Other Income,' so select yes here. You'll provide more details on the next page.

Income such as disability payments from Social Security and Unemployment can often be verified electronically by DHS, but it is still a good idea to upload proof if possible, to make sure your application goes through as fast as possible.

Hello, Jacob. You are logged in. 67% Complete Other Types of Income **Apply for Coverage** Tell us which types of other income each person gets. If you need to know more about a type of income listed, click on Help. Start Jacob's Income Information People Money from others, such as family or Workers Compensation friends Liquid Resources Alimony / Spousal Support Pension or Retirement Resettlement Income Veteran Benefits Rental Income Military Allotments Tuition Assistance Disability Benefits (not from SSA or Other Resources Interest Payments/Dividends Unemployment Benefits Jacob Job Income Compensation (2) Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Other Income Compensation (2) Other Income Housing Bills Save and Exit Back Next

Check this box if you're receiving your pension or retirement benefits!

Select "Unemployment Benefits" if you're receiving money from unemployment.

"Federal Pandemic
Unemployment
Compensation" is the extra
\$600/week that we've
been getting from the
federal government. Select
it if you've been receiving
it in addition to your
normal unemployment
amount. (Everyone on
Unemployment should be
receiving it as well.)

This refers to people on PUA, the expanded Unemployment program during Covid for people who normally would not be eligible for unemployment, like gig workers.

This refers to people who are covered by the extended timeline for Unemployment benefits. (Normally, people have up to 26 weeks a year they can get Unemployment. Now, people have 13 more weeks, for a total of 39 weeks. So if you've been on Unemployment for 26 weeks already, and now you're in your 13 additional weeks, select this option as well.

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Tell us about the people in your home who pay for housing and utilities (gas,electric,etc.).

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If you split a bill with someone, you should check the box for each person that pays.Later, when we ask how much the payment is, you should tell us what each person pays.

* Housing Costs

Does anyone pay bills for housing, like rent, mortgage, property taxes, insurance, or temporary housing?

Yes No

Tell us who:



John

* Utility Bills -

Does anyone pay utility bills like gas, electricity, water, sewer, telephone, etc.? Oyes No More information about housing and utility bills

Did anyone receive a payment of \$21 or more this month or in any of the last 12 months from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), (in Chicago paid through CEDA)?

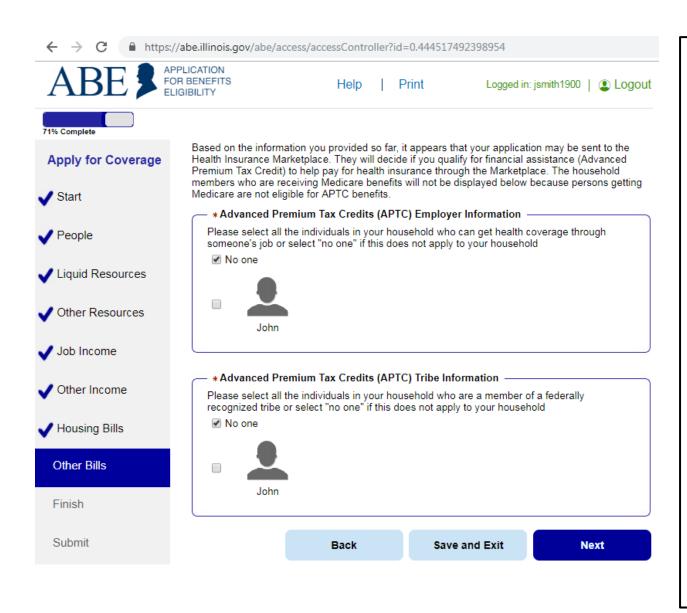
Yes No

Is the household billed separately from rent or mortgage

If you are applying for SNAP, DHS will ask about some of your expenses. If you are only applying for Medicaid, these questions will not be on your application.

Your Other Expenses **Apply for Coverage** Tell us about your other expenses. Start *Child Support -Does anyone pay child support for a person who they are legally responsible YesNo People for or for whom there is a court order of support? Liquid Resources * Spousal Support Payments Does anyone pay spousal support for a person who they are legally ○ Yes ● No Other Resources responsible for or for whom there is a court order of support? Job Income * Medical Bills -Does anyone have ongoing medical bills or unpaid medical bills from previous ○ Yes ● No Other Income months? Housing Bills * Medicare Part A or Part B -Does anyone qualify for Medicare Part A or Part B or Railroad Retirement Yes No Other Bills Benefits? Finish - * Job Expenses Please check the box for anyone who is employed, blind, disabled and/or are ____ Yes . No aged(65 or older) and have job expenses. Also check the box for the job Submit expenses of an employed spouse or parent of a child under age 18 if they live together. * Other Bills Does anyone have expenses that can be deducted from a federal tax return?

More expenses. Again, it'll only ask you this if you're also applying for SNAP.

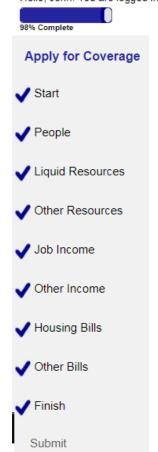


Sometimes the application can tell if your income is over the Medicaid limit, and it asks if you want to apply to the Marketplace (aka Obamacare) through this site.

If you choose to apply to Obamacare, you should do it directly on the Marketplace website, at Healthcare.gov. Doing it through the Medicaid app will make it take longer.

However, we believe other options – like COBRA and FQHCs – are typically likely more accessible, and are a better deal in terms of cost. We recommend looking into these options first before considering applying to Marketplace/Obamacare insurance.

Hello, John. You are logged in.



| Interview Information ———————————————————————————————————— |
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| If you are applying for SNAP or Cash assistance, an interview is required. Please answer the following: |
| I am able to come to the office for an interview. |
| I am not able to come to the office for an interview. |
| Check the box below that applies if you are unable to come to the office for an interview. |
| Hours of work or educational activities conflict with office hours(Monday - Friday 8:30 - 5:00) Problems with health, transportation or ongoing severe weather. Do not have someone to care for a child or disabled adult. |
| |

If you're applying to SNAP, there's usually an interview required. We recommend doing the interview by phone.

Don't be afraid to use the comments box here to include any information about yourself or your family that you might not have been asked on the application.

Additional Information

In the box below, you can provide us with any additional information that may help us with your application. Space is limited, so please be brief.

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Signing Your Application

You are just a few minutes away from submitting your application. To do so, you will need

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- Read the Rights and Responsibilities we have listed below.
- . Check the signature box and type your name below to sign your application.

Do I have to come to the office to be interviewed?

If you are applying for Cash or SNAP benefits we will schedule an interview within 14 days, usually at our office. However, if you can not come to the office because of problems with work, health, transportation or child care we can talk with you over the phone. If you are applying for TANF cash assistance you must come to the office for an interview. If you are applying for Healthcare only, no office interview is required.

SNAP Rights & Responsibilities

Read carefully before signing this application. Ask your caseworker to explain anything you do not understand.

Because the SNAP program requires a social security number (SSN) for every member of your household who is applying for SNAP benefits, we are explaining how your SSN is used by DHS.

What does DHS do with your Social Security Number?

Here's where you give your signature.

Read the rights and responsibilities! Your most important responsibility is updating DHS when you have life changes, such as:

- moving
- getting a new phone number
- changes to your family size
- starting a new job
- going back to work at your union job



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Congratulations, your application was successfully submitted!

Here are your next steps:



Your Application Numbers T08395708

Write down your application number or print your application for your records. Your application was sent to the following office to be processed:

Northside FCRC 6200 N Hiawatha Avenue Floor 5th CHICAGO IL 60646-4309 Phone Number: (773) 907-4100

Full Application (HTML) Full Application PDF:

Print My Application

You will get an answer about your SNAP application within 30 days.



What to Expect Next

Print a copy of our "What's Next Guide". This will give you helpful information while you wait for your application to be processed.

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You can also contact the DHS Help Line at 1-800-843-6154 if you have a question or need to report new information like a change in address.



Attach documents to help us process your application

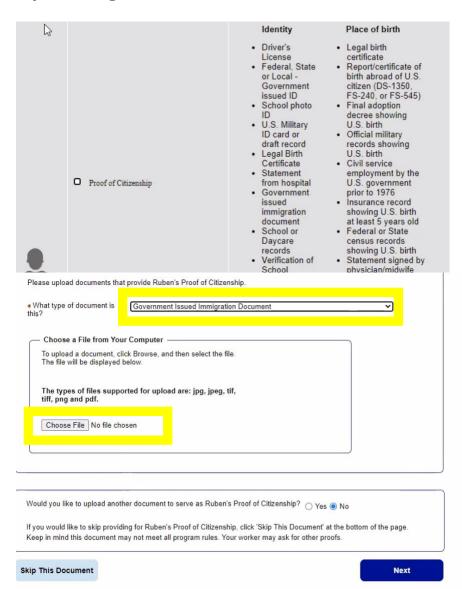
If you have documents such as paystubs to upload in support of your application, you can do so on the next page.

If you do not have these documents ready now, you can log back in and upload documents later. Remember to upload documents as soon as possible, you will not be able to do so after the State begins processing the application.

Once you submit your application, you'll get an Application Number.

You can also upload any documentation that is relevant to your application, like pay stubs or ID, on the next page.

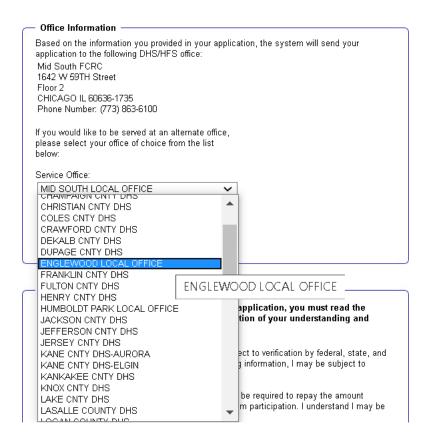
Uploading Documents



After you've submitted your application, you have a chance to Upload documents. This is a key part of the application, to verify the information you've given so far. Select the category of document, and then click "Choose File" to upload relevant documents.

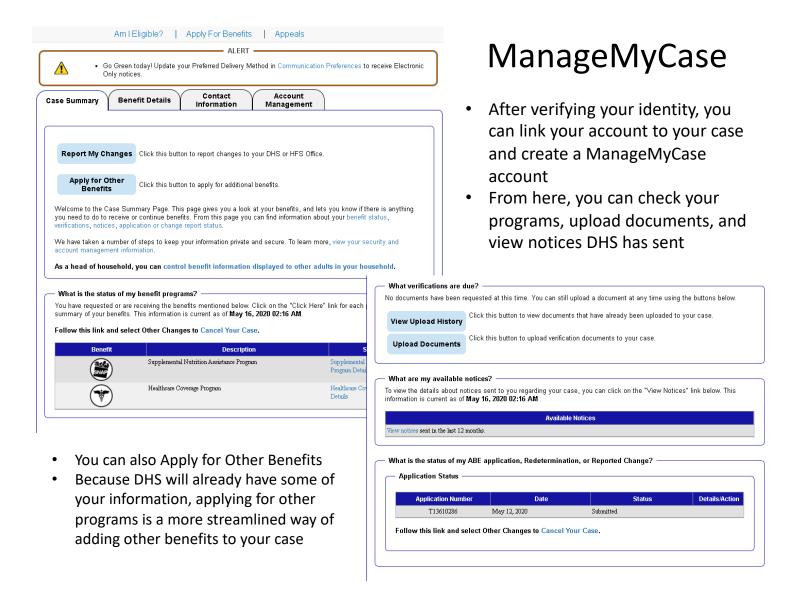
You may also get a call asking for documentation within the 1-2 weeks after filing for Medicaid. Be sure to respond promptly! They cannot process your application if they cannot confirm important information about you.

Which Office Should I Submit My Application To?



You'll also be asked which office you want to submit your application to. Not all DHS offices are equally fast. The default will be the one nearest to your Zip Code. You can choose any office - don't be afraid to send it somewhere else. Some case workers have recommended the Englewood DHS office, for example.

If you already have a case with DHS (like if you are receiving SNAP), then your case is already assigned to an office. Assign your Medicaid app to the **same office**, otherwise there can be delays.



What happens after I apply?

- After you apply, expect it to take about 2-4 weeks to hear back from DHS about your application. Look for a letter in the mail.
- Keep an eye out for any communication from DHS about your application. If you did not upload enough documentation (such as pay stubs or ID), they may contact you to get you to upload that. If you still don't upload it, your application might not go through.

What happens after I'm approved?

- After you get approved for Medicaid, you'll need to enroll in a "Managed Care Organization." That's basically the healthcare provider for your Medicaid.
 - You can choose your Managed Care Organization online at <u>enrollhfs.illinois.gov</u>, or by calling CES, at 1-877-912-8880.
 You will get a letter in the mail giving you instructions on how to enroll.
 - BlueCrossBlueShield will be one option we recommend choosing BCBS as your Managed Care Organization because
 we believe the network will be as close as possible to the one we've used for the Union health care plans.
 - o If you are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid, you have the option of enrolling in the "Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI)," which is likely the best option for you.

What happens after my Unite Here Health Plan expires?

(For many members, at the end of August or end of September 2020)

- If you're approved for Medicaid, you'll need to let Medicaid know that you're not able to use your Union health plan, once your Union healthcare runs out. That lets them know to bill doctor's visits and other medical expenses to Medicaid, rather than to the Union healthcare plan.
- To move your healthcare billing over to Medicaid, call **217-524-2490**, and tell them your Union healthcare plan with BlueCrossBlueShield has expired.
 - o Press 1 for English or 2 for Spanish. Then Press 4 for "Third Party Liability Insurance."
 - You'll give them either your Medicaid Recipient ID number or your Social Security number. If they can't see on their end whether your Union insurance is still active or not, you'll need to give them something from the Union to say that the healthcare is ending on a particular date. (You can't use the COBRA letter for this.)
 - o If you call at a high-volume time (especially mid-day), there's no option to leave a message it will just hang up on you. Try again at another time that is outside high-volume hours, such as early in the morning. They take calls Monday-Friday from 8:30am-5pm.