

Eligibility Reference Guide

This is TennCare’s Eligibility Reference Guide. The information below shows the income and resource limits applicants and members must meet for TennCare to determine eligibility.

Monthly and Yearly Income in Dollars

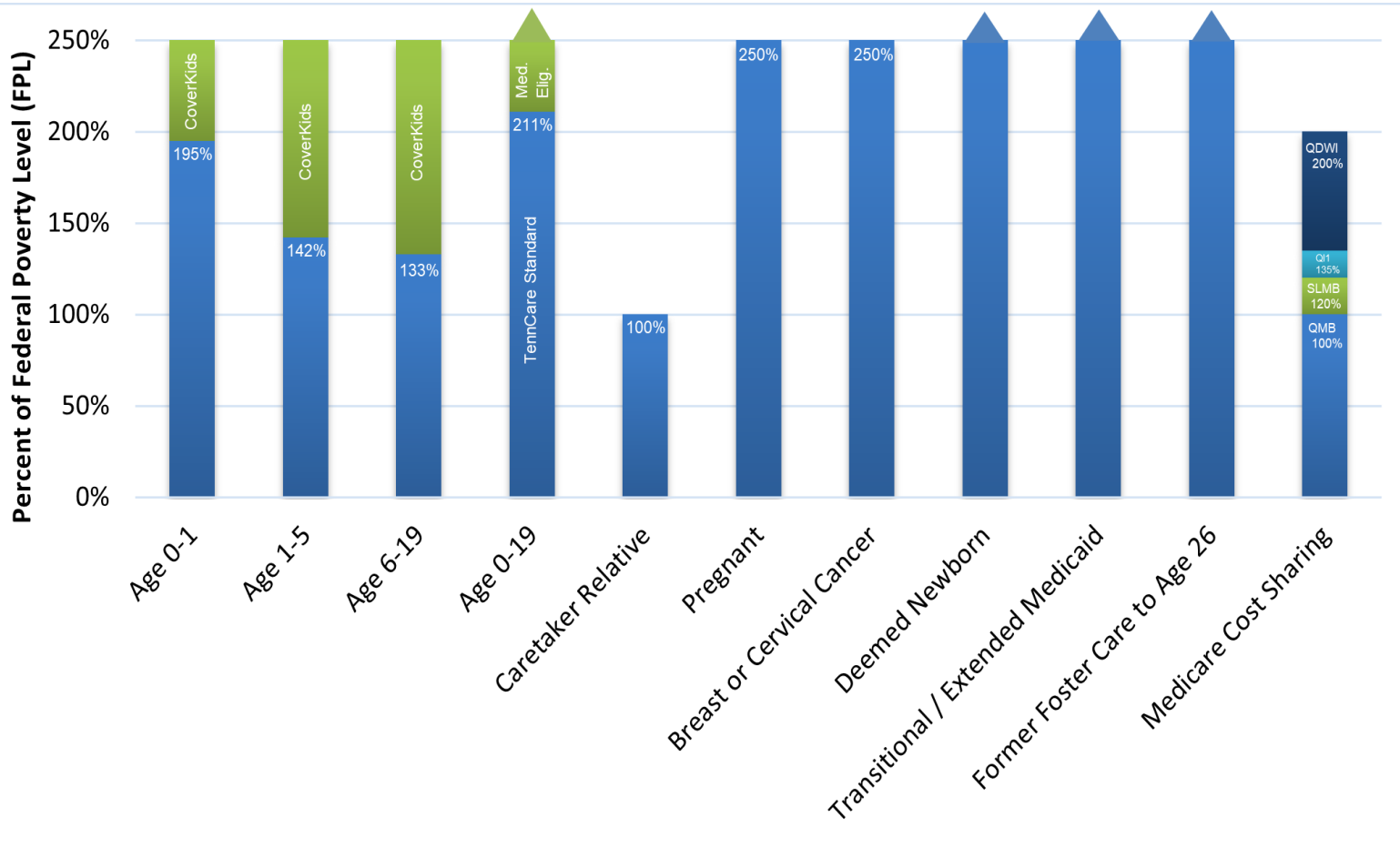
This chart shows the family size with monthly and yearly income limits.

Note: For each additional person, add \$5,500 yearly.

Family Size	Frequency Period	100% FPL	120% FPL	133% FPL	135% FPL	142% FPL	195% FPL	200% FPL	211% FPL	250% FPL
1	Monthly	\$1,305	\$1,565	\$1,735	\$1,761	\$1,852	\$2,544	\$2,609	\$2,752	\$3,261
	Yearly	\$15,650	\$18,780	\$20,815	\$21,128	\$22,223	\$30,518	\$31,300	\$33,022	\$39,125
2	Monthly	\$1,763	\$2,115	\$2,345	\$2,380	\$2,503	\$3,437	\$3,525	\$3,719	\$4,407
	Yearly	\$21,150	\$25,380	\$28,130	\$28,553	\$30,033	\$41,243	\$42,300	\$44,627	\$52,875
3	Monthly	\$2,221	\$2,665	\$2,954	\$2,999	\$3,154	\$4,331	\$4,442	\$4,686	\$5,553
	Yearly	\$26,650	\$31,980	\$35,445	\$35,978	\$37,843	\$51,968	\$53,300	\$56,232	\$66,625
4	Monthly	\$2,680	\$3,215	\$3,564	\$3,617	\$3,805	\$5,225	\$5,359	\$5,654	\$6,698
	Yearly	\$32,150	\$38,580	\$42,760	\$43,403	\$45,653	\$62,693	\$64,300	\$67,837	\$80,375
5	Monthly	\$3,138	\$3,765	\$4,173	\$4,236	\$4,456	\$6,119	\$6,275	\$6,621	\$7,844
	Yearly	\$37,650	\$45,180	\$50,075	\$50,828	\$53,463	\$73,418	\$75,300	\$79,442	\$94,125
6	Monthly	\$3,596	\$4,315	\$4,783	\$4,855	\$5,107	\$7,012	\$7,192	\$7,588	\$8,990
	Yearly	\$43,150	\$51,780	\$57,390	\$58,253	\$61,273	\$84,143	\$86,300	\$91,047	\$107,875
7	Monthly	\$4,055	\$4,865	\$5,393	\$5,474	\$5,757	\$7,906	\$8,109	\$8,555	\$10,136
	Yearly	\$48,650	\$58,380	\$64,705	\$65,678	\$69,083	\$94,868	\$97,300	\$102,652	\$121,625
8	Monthly	\$4,513	\$5,415	\$6,002	\$6,092	\$6,408	\$8,800	\$9,025	\$9,522	\$11,282
	Yearly	\$54,150	\$64,980	\$72,020	\$73,103	\$76,893	\$105,593	\$108,300	\$114,257	\$135,375

TennCare Medicaid Coverage Groups and Eligibility Requirement

This chart shows the TennCare Medicaid Coverage Groups along with the Percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).



TennCare Medicaid Coverage Groups and Descriptions

This chart has TennCare Medicaid Coverage information about Children, Families, Women, Adults in Foster Care, Aged, Blind, & Disabled, and Medicare Cost Sharing.

Children Category:

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Age 0-19	Low-income children age 0 up to 1 st birthday.	195% of the poverty level.	None.
	Low-income children age 1 to 6 th birthday.	142% of the poverty level.	None.
	Low-income children age 6 to 19 th birthday.	133% of the poverty level.	None.
Medically Needy Child	Children up to age 21. Must either have low income or have sufficient unreimbursed medical bills to spend down to requisite income limits.	Monthly spend-down level of: \$241 (1 person) \$258 (2 persons) \$317 (3 persons) \$325 (4 persons) \$392 (5 persons) \$408 (6 persons) \$467 (7 persons) \$517 (8 persons)	\$2,000 (1 person) \$3,000 (2 persons) Add \$100 per additional person.
Standard Uninsured	Children under age 19 who do not have access to insurance. The category is only open to children who lose Medicaid eligibility and rollover into Standard.	Below 211% of the poverty level.	None.
Standard Medically Eligible	Children under age 19 who do not have access to insurance and who have health conditions that make the child uninsurable. The category is only open to children who lose Medicaid eligibility and rollover into Standard.	At 211% of the poverty level or above.	None.
CoverKids	Available to children under age 19 and the unborn children of women who are not eligible under another TennCare category.	At or below 250% of the poverty level.	None.

Families Category:

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Caretaker Relative	Available to parents and Caretaker Relatives of dependent children under age 18 or 18 and a full-time student for the parent to qualify.	100% of the poverty level.	None.
Transitional or Extended Medicaid	Children and Caretaker Relatives who lose Medicaid due to an increase in income or spousal support.	Rules for Caretaker Relative for three of the last six months immediately preceding the month eligibility is lost.	None.

Women Category:

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Pregnant	Low-income pregnant women. Note: Newborns born to Medicaid-eligible women are deemed eligible for one year.	250% of the poverty level.	None.
Pregnant Medically Needy	Pregnant women. Must either have low income or have sufficient unreimbursed medical bills to spend down to requisite income limits.	Monthly spend-down level of: \$241 (1 person) \$258 (2 persons) \$317 (3 persons) \$325 (4 persons) \$392 (5 persons) \$408 (6 persons) \$467 (7 persons) \$517 (8 persons)	\$2,000 (1 person) \$3,000 (2 persons) Add \$100 per additional person.

Adults in Foster Care Category:

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
Former Foster Care up to Age 26	Individuals under age 26 who aged out of foster care and received Medicaid at that time. Individuals who turned 18 before January 1, 2023, must have aged out of foster care in Tennessee. Individuals who turned 18 on or after January 1, 2023, may have aged out of foster care in any state.	None.	None.

Aged, Blind, and Disabled Category:

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
SSI (Supplemental Security Income)	Active: Low-income aged, blind, or disabled recipients of federal SSI cash payments as determined by the SSA. Eligibility for SSI is determined by the Social Security Administration (SSA).	\$967 per month (1 person) \$1,450 (2 persons)	\$2,000 (1 person) \$3,000 (2 persons) Add \$100 per additional person.
Institutional Medicaid (IM)	Low-income individuals who require care in a medical institution, like a nursing facility or hospital, or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities or who receive Home and Community-Based Services in their home.	\$2,901 per month	\$2,000
Katie Beckett (KB)	Provides medical assistance to children under age 18 with disabilities or complex medical needs who live at home and do not otherwise qualify for Medicaid due to their parent's income or resources.	\$2,901 per month	\$2,000
SSI Related (Pickle/Passalong, Disabled Adult Child, Widow/Widower)	Pickle/Pass Along: Lost SSI since April 1977 due to OASDI cost-of-living increase. DAC: Lost SSI since July 1987 due to receipt/increase of DAC benefits. Widow/Widower: Lost SSI since 1984 due to receipt of OASDI from a deceased spouse, does not receive Medicare Part A, and is at least 50 and up to age 65.	\$967 per month (1 person) \$1,450 (2 persons)	\$2,000 (1 person) \$3,000 (2 persons) Add \$100 per additional person.
Breast or Cervical Cancer (BCC)	Individuals under 65 who are not eligible for any other category of Medicaid and have been diagnosed as the result of a screening at a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) site.	250% of the poverty level.	None.

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
ECF (Employment and Community First CHOICES)	Individuals who have an intellectual or developmental disability(ies) (I/DD) who qualify for nursing home care or who are "at-risk" of nursing home placement are eligible for Medicaid either as SSI cash recipients or in an ECF CHOICES category and who receive Home and Community-Based Services.	217-Like Group: \$2,901 per month. Working Disabled Group: At or below 250% of the poverty level, but for their earned income, they would be eligible for SSI. At-Risk Group: At or below 150% of the poverty level.	\$2,000

Medicare Cost Sharing Category:

Program	Description	Income Limit	Resource Limit
QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary)	TennCare pays Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance for those eligible for Medicare.	Up to 100% of the poverty level.	\$9,660 (1 person) \$14,470 (2 persons)
SLMB (Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries)	TennCare pays Medicare Part B premiums only.	At least 100% but less than 120% of the poverty level.	\$9,660 (1 person) \$14,470 (2 persons)
QI 1 (Qualified Individuals)	TennCare pays Medicare Part B premiums only. Individuals cannot be eligible for another category of Medicaid at the same time.	At least 120% but less than 135% of the poverty level.	\$9,660 (1 person) \$14,470 (2 persons)
QDWI (Qualified Disabled Working Individual)	TennCare pays Medicare Part A buy-in for individuals no longer entitled to premium-free Medicare Part A because they returned to work.	Not more than 200% of the poverty level.	\$4,000 (1 person) \$6,000 (2 persons)

For more information on how to apply for TennCare, go to the [How Do I Apply for TennCare?](#) web page. Or, call **TennCare Connect** at **855-259-0701**.