

Jefferson County Department of Human Services: Summary of Benefits



The Navigation Program can screen and assist clients of JCMH with applying for most of the following benefits onsite at one of our office locations.

Please contact us today at: 303-432-5130

Food Assistance (Food Stamps):

Financial assistance for food to income-eligible single adults and families. The benefit amount ranges from \$16-\$194 per individual in a family. Unless you meet federal exemption criteria, you will be required to participate in the Employment First Program. Once an application is received an interview with an Intake Program Specialist is scheduled to determine eligibility.

Health First Colorado (previously Medicaid):

A type of health insurance for individuals and families that meet eligibility criteria. Individuals can qualify by meeting the following criteria:

- You meet income guidelines; or
- You have been found disabled and receive SSI; or
- You are in foster care.

Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+):

Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) is low-cost health insurance for Colorado's uninsured children and pregnant women. CHP+ is public health insurance for children and pregnant women who earn too much to qualify for Health First Colorado (Medicaid), but cannot afford private health insurance.

Colorado Works (TANF):

Provides monthly financial assistance to low-income families and women who are at least 6 months pregnant. The monthly amount varies depending on number of children and parents in the home. Recipients of this benefit also receive Health First Colorado (see below for more information). Due to federal mandates, applicants are required to participate in work readiness activities. The program will require participants to seek legally regulated child support payments from the non-custodial parent. Once an application is received an interview with an Intake Program Specialist is scheduled to determine eligibility.

OAP (Old Age Pension):

Financial assistance for low income adults age 60 and older. This program will assist in making up the difference in income up to \$771 per month and includes Health First Colorado (Medicaid) benefits. Once an application is received an interview with an Intake Program Specialist is scheduled to determine eligibility.



Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) & Long Term Care (LTC):

Help for individuals who need more intensive ongoing medical or social support. Applicants are screened both for financial eligibility and receive a functional assessment to qualify.

Benefits can range from in-home services (to keep someone out of higher levels of care) to residential treatment. Residential treatment includes Alternative Care Facilities (ACF/assisted living programs) and Nursing Home level of care.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP):

LEAP is a federally funded program administered by Discover Goodwill of Southern and Western Colorado. It is designed to *assist* eligible low-income households with winter home heating costs. LEAP is *not* designed to pay the entire cost of home heating but assist with a portion. Program runs from November 1st through April 30th.

Medicare Savings Program – Benefits for current Medicare Recipients:

Income based benefit for individuals with Medicare. Help for individuals with limited income and resources to pay for some or all of their Medicare premiums and may also pay their Medicare deductibles and co-insurance.

- QMB (Qualified Medicare Beneficiary):
 - No age limit. Pays the Medicare Part B premium and co-payments. Does not include Part D coverage for prescriptions.
 - Monthly income limits: individual - \$1,010; couple - \$1,355
- SLMB (Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiary):
 - No age limit. Pays the Medicare Part B premium only. Does not include Part D coverage for prescriptions.
 - Monthly income limits: individual - \$1,208; couple - \$1,622
- QI (Qualified Individual):
 - No age limit. Pays the Medicare Part B premium only. Does not include Part D coverage for prescriptions.
 - Monthly income limits: individual - \$1,357; couple - \$1,823
- Medicare Part D Extra Help / Low Income Subsidy (LIS):
 - Covers the copayments, donut hole, monthly prescription plan premium and deductible for the Part D plan. Small copayments for medication (about \$2-\$3).
 - Income below \$1,396/mon for individuals and \$1,891/mon for a couple.
 - Resources below \$13,070 for an individual and \$26,120 for a couple.

Health First Colorado Buy-In (Working Adults with Disabilities):

Program that allows adults with a disability “buy-in” to Health First Colorado (Medicaid). If an individual earns too much to qualify for Health First Colorado (Medicaid) they may qualify for the Buy-In. Individuals must be 16-64 years of age, employed, and have a qualifying disability. Applicants who qualify pay a monthly premium, based on income.

Contact Navigation to be screened for eligibility at: 303-432-5130

