

Ohio Benefits Online Eligibility System Update

- Beginning December 9, 2013, the following Ohioans will be able to apply for Medicaid benefits online at www.Benefits.Ohio.gov:
 - Children or Pregnant Women with family income up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL); and,
 - Adults with income up to 138 percent FPL, including parents, childless adults, and people with disabilities.
- Medicaid coverage will begin on January 1, 2014 for qualified applicants who applied on the new system and are found eligible, with one important exception. Ohioans who could have been eligible for Medicaid under the pre-expansion eligibility criteria in existence prior to January 1 and who have allowable Medicaid expenses in any of the three months prior to the date they applied can, by law, receive Medicaid for those expenses.
- The new online enrollment options are part of a new eligibility system that Ohio launched on October 1, 2013. *Ohio Benefits* is a simple, self-service Website that makes it easier for Ohioans to learn what type of health care coverage may be available to them.
- Ohio's system is designed to interact with the new federal eligibility system, www.Healthcare.gov, but some of those connections are on hold pending the resolution of glitches in the federal system.
- The goal is for most Medicaid applications to be completed online; however, until the new federal system can function reliably and the connections to the state systems are fully tested, many cases will need to be resolved by county case managers.

Ohio Resident Health Insurance Process Flow

