



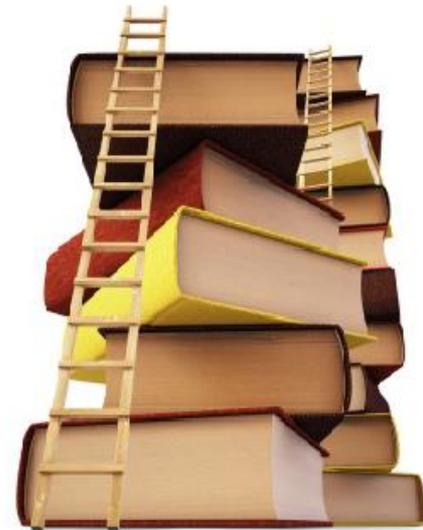
ARIES Introduction and MAGI Medicaid Policy Overview

Introduction and Objectives

Welcome to the Alaska's Resource for Integrated Eligibility Services (ARIES) Introductory and Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Medicaid Policy Overview

This presentation includes:

- An introduction to MAGI Medicaid policy
- A basic overview of related terminology
- Information about ARIES and how it will be utilized
- Key features and changes related to ARIES and MAGI Medicaid
- Medical ID cards
- The renewal process



What is MAGI Medicaid?

- The Affordable Care Act expands Medicaid coverage to low-income Americans, requires simplified eligibility and enrollment rules, and establishes coordination between State Medicaid agencies and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace
- Starting, January 1, 2014, eligibility for most Denali Care categories and Denali KidCare will be determined using methodologies that are based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI), as defined by the IRS



MAGI Income

- MAGI methodology is used to determine how income is counted and how household composition and family size are determined
- MAGI is based on federal tax rules for determining adjusted gross income (with some modification). The MAGI income calculation is based on the values reported on page 1 of the 1040 tax form

Count Income →



Don't Count
Income →



MAGI and Non-MAGI Categories

New method for eligibility determination—who is included?

MAGI-Categories



Former Foster Children
(18 up to 26)



**Parent/
Caretaker**



Children
(under 19)



Pregnant Women

Coverage Groups

- Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives
- Pregnant Women
- Emergency Alien Medicaid
- Under 21
- Former Alaskan Foster Children (age 18 up to 26)
- Newborn
- Children under age 19

Non-MAGI



SSI Recipients



Aged, Blind, Disabled



Premium Assistance Recipients

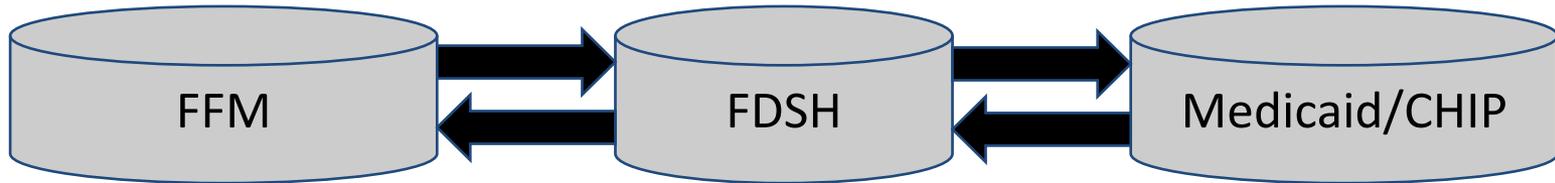


CAMA

Coverage Groups

- SSI, Disabled Children, Working Disabled
- Aged, Blind, Disabled
- Long Term Care (Nursing Home, Community Based Waivers etc.)
- Medicare Savings Program
- Chronic Acute Medical Assistance (CAMA)
- Children receiving foster care, Adoption Assistance
- 2101f Children

What is the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM)



Starting in January 2014, consumers may qualify for financial assistance in the Marketplace through the Insurance Affordability Programs.

If eligible, an individual or family will receive tax credits that can help them pay for a Qualified Health Plan (QHP).

For applications for health insurance made through the FFM:

- The FFM will complete an assessment to determine if Alaska applicants appear to be eligible for Medicaid/Denali KidCare. If yes, the FFM will send the application to Alaska DPA to make an eligibility determination.

For applications for health insurance received by Public Assistance:

- DPA will determine eligibility for Medicaid/Denali KidCare
- If we deny Medicaid/Denali KidCare, we send information back to the FFM for assessment for tax credits and QHP

What is ARIES?

ARIES, Alaska's Resource for Integrated Eligibility Services, is the new integrated system supporting MAGI Medicaid.

- ARIES consists of a Worker Portal and a Self Service Portal
- An application can be submitted to a worker or an office by:
 - Phone
 - Fax
 - Fee agent
 - Drop off
 - Mail in
 - In person
 - Self Service Portal (SSP)
 - Interface Referral (FFM)

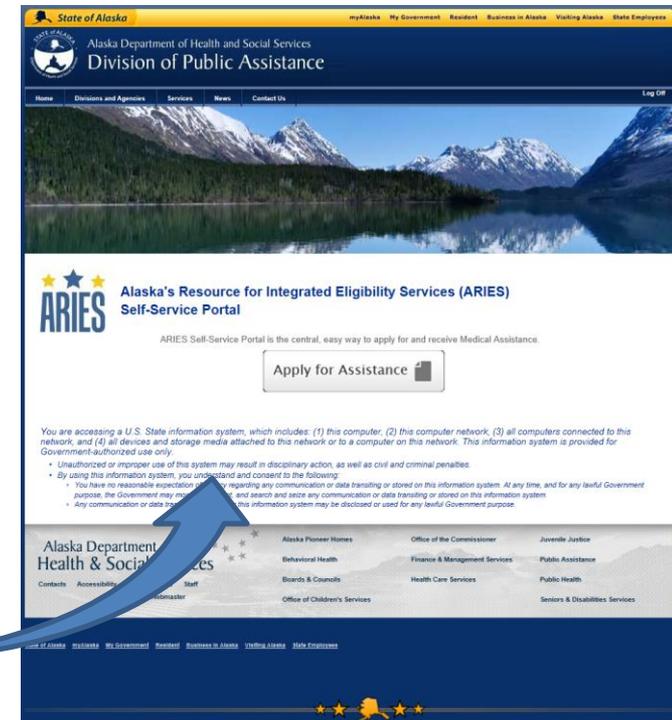
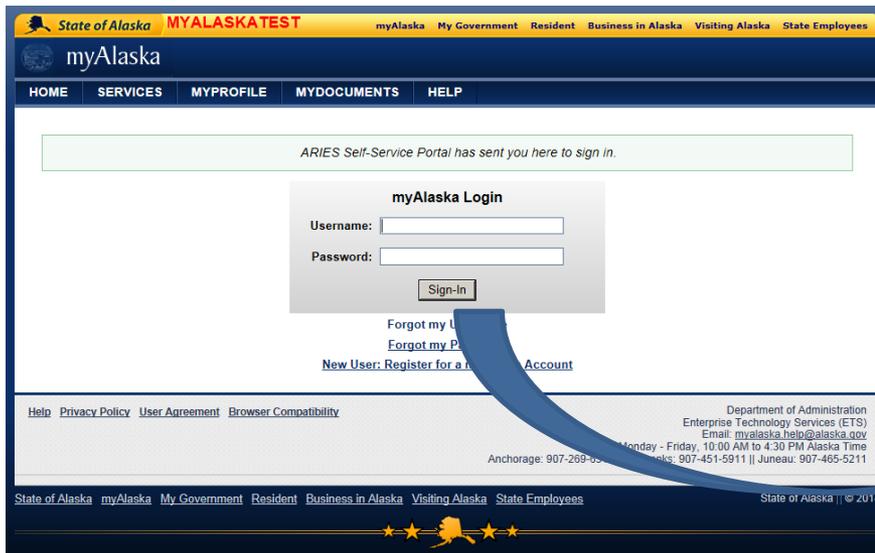
Self Service Portal (SSP)

The Self Service Portal:

- Can be accessed by any Alaska resident through MyAlaska
- Allows clients to apply for benefits for MAGI-based Medicaid through a web application
- Provides navigation which is easy to understand

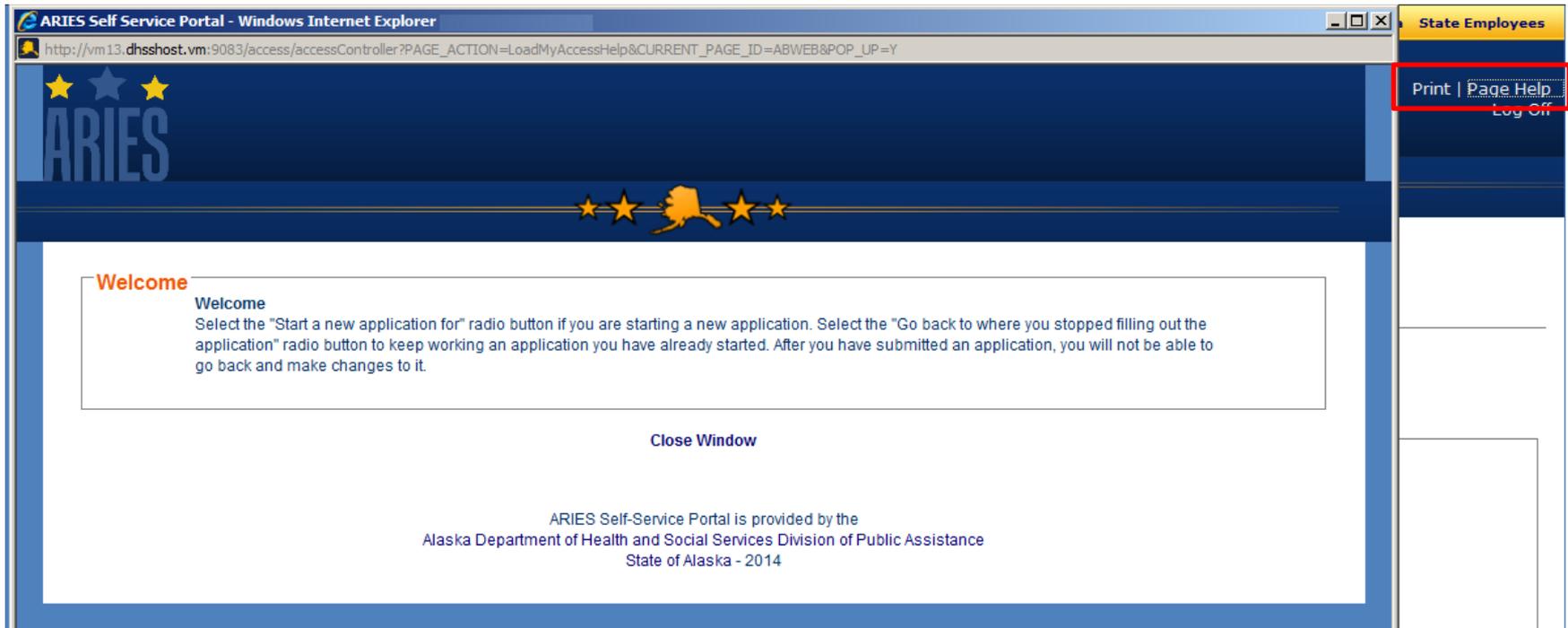
General *My Alaska* accounts cannot be established for agencies to assist their clients. Clients or individuals helping the client apply must use their own secure My Alaska account to apply.

The My Alaska account is used to log into the Self Service Portal the same as your other accounts.



Self Service Portal Page Level Help

- Page level help will be available in the Self Service Portal, with an option to print
- This type of help will be displayed as a pop-up. Access page level help by clicking the Page Help link in the page header. When the link is clicked, a pop-up will display with the help text associated to the page.



The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "ARIES Self Service Portal - Windows Internet Explorer". The address bar shows the URL: `http://vm13.dhsshost.vm:9083/access/accessController?PAGE_ACTION=LoadMyAccessHelp&CURRENT_PAGE_ID=ABWEB&POP_UP=Y`. The page header features the ARIES logo and a navigation menu with "State Employees" and "Print | Page Help" (highlighted with a red box). Below the header is a decorative banner with stars and the state of Alaska. The main content area contains a "Welcome" message with instructions on how to use the portal. At the bottom, there is a "Close Window" button and a footer stating: "ARIES Self-Service Portal is provided by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Division of Public Assistance State of Alaska - 2014".

SSP Application Entry Do's and Don'ts

When filling out your application, do:

- Write down your user ID and password
- Complete all mandatory fields
- Use the Next, Previous and Save & Exit buttons
- Verify the information on the summary pages
- Click the Change icon to make changes if needed
- Use the 'Go Back' links to update information before submitting the application

When filling out your application, don't:

- Use the browser “**Back, Forward or Refresh Buttons**” while completing the application
- Submit the application without verifying the information
- Submit the application without making any necessary changes

What's Changing?

Medicaid Program Rules in Non-Aged and Non-disabled Categories:

- Application
- Interview
- Renewals
- Household Composition
- Resource Test
- Income Rules
- Verification Rules



Business Changes:

- ARIES – Client Self-Service Portal & Worker Portal
- Medicaid Cards – ‘Denali Care’ and ‘Denali KidCare’

Interviews

Interviews are not required for persons applying for the following MAGI Based eligibility categories

- Parents and Other Caretakers
- Pregnant Women
- Infants and Children under Age 21
- Former Foster Care Children up to the Age 26



Household Composition

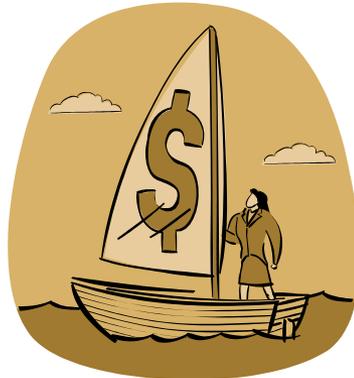
MAGI based Medicaid households are based on tax status instead of relationships based on blood, adoption or marriage.

- New applications will ask tax status questions (who's filing for who)
- If Applicant is not a tax filer, then follow relationship based on blood, adoption or marriage rules



Resource Test

No resource test is required for MAGI based Medicaid.



Income Rules

- New income standards - adjusted for a standard 5% deduction and PFD
- MAGI Medicaid follows Internal Revenue Services (IRS) rules for countable income

Self-employment:

- Will allow same deductions as IRS
- Will accept client statement as we do now
- No longer allow 50% deduction as we do for other programs

No longer countable:

- Child support
- Native dividends



Verification Rules

- Must take client statement if within 10% of electronic information.
- If not within 10% use normal verification procedures. Attempting first to verify by phone then request in writing.
- Federally operated verification Hub will be used for verification of citizenship and immigration status.
- Department of Labor data will be used to verify income.



SSP Application Submitted

When the SSP application is complete a confirmation message will display. You can print the document by clicking on the Print PDF button at the bottom of the page.

Hello, **User_George**. You are logged in. 100% Complete

 Congratulations! Your application has been successfully submitted.

Keep Track of Your Application
The tracking number is **1000003642**. Be sure to write this number down or print this page for your records.

You will be notified once your application is processed. If you haven't heard back about an application within 30 days from when you have submitted, please contact your local public assistance office before submitting another online application. We will contact you if any additional information is needed to process your application.

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Medical ID Cards

- Medicaid cards replaced Medicaid stickers (coupons) on January 1, 2014. Children under age 19 receive the Denali KidCare card and adults over age 19 receive the Denali Care card.
- Coupons will be used only for non-standard system issued recipient identification.



DENALI KIDCARE RECIPIENT INFORMATION

RECIPIENT HELPLINE 644-6800 option #6 in Anchorage
(Coverage Inquiries) 1-800-780-9972 outside Anchorage

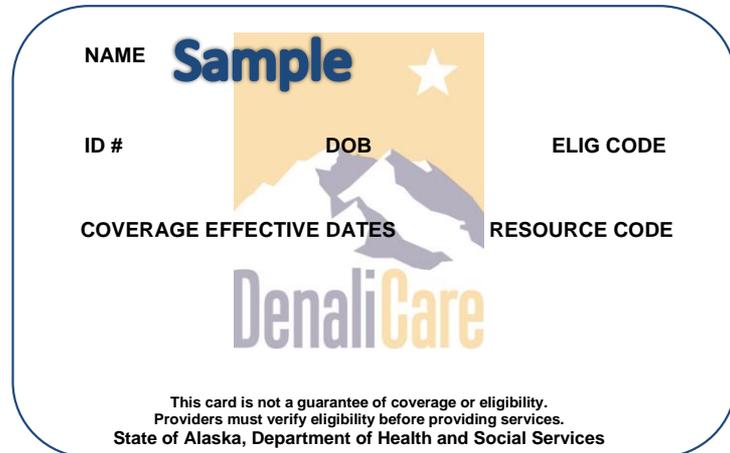
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HEALTH CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION
Providers must verify eligibility before providing services

Eligibility Verification 1-800-884-3223 (EVS)
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Submit claims to: Xerox State Healthcare, LLC
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Renewals

Recipients can complete a Renewal via:

- Paper
- Phone
- Online (in the future)
- In person



Renewal will also be completed (without renewal form):

- When Electronic data provides information adequate to redetermine eligibility
- When a household report of change provides information adequate to redetermine eligibility

Medicaid in Alaska: Who does What?



- The Medicaid program is administered by the Division of Health Care Services (DHCS) and their fiscal agent Xerox,
- Division of Public Assistance is responsible for determining eligibility of individuals and families in need of benefits except foster children (OCS),
- Division of Senior & Disabilities Services oversees Medicaid Long Term Care and Waiver Services

Medicaid Covered Services

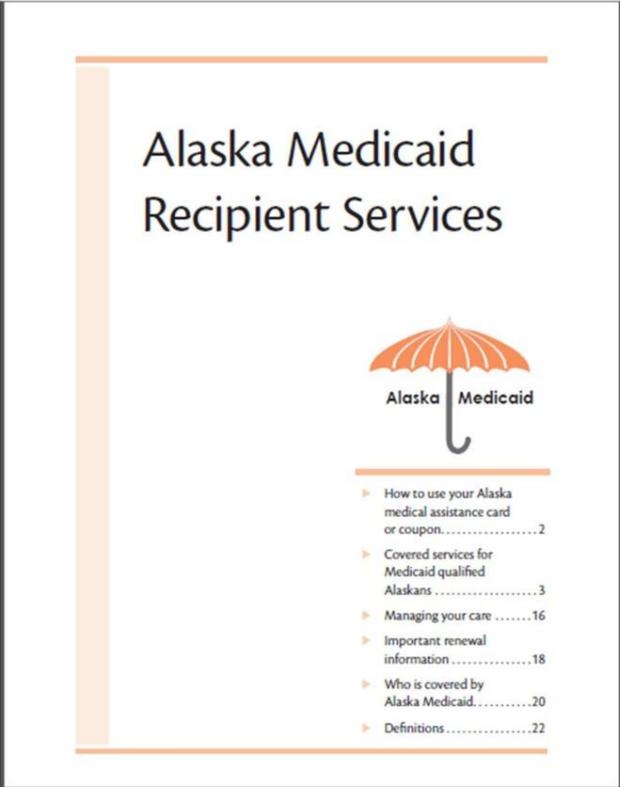


The Alaska Medicaid Recipient Services booklet gives detailed information about what medical services are covered by the Alaska Medicaid program and how to use those services:

<http://hss.state.ak.us/dhcs/PDF/MedicaidRecipientHandbook.pdf>



Medicaid Recipient Handbook



Other DPA Programs

- Food Stamps: nutritional assistance for individuals and families that qualify
- Alaska Temporary Assistance: financial assistance and supportive services for families with dependent children
- Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance: limited medical benefits to low income individuals with certain medical conditions
- General Relief Assistance: limited rental, utility and burial assistance to qualifying individuals
- Child Care Assistance: limited assistance with paying for child care
- Heating Assistance: seasonal heating benefit available October-April annually
- Senior Benefits: formerly SeniorCare, provides cash assistance to qualifying low-income seniors
- WIC: (Women, Infants and Children Program): nutritional assistance for pregnant women, new mothers and children under age 5

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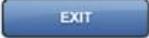
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Thank you!

Summary

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- About ARIES and how it will be utilized
- Some key features and changes related to ARIES and MAGI Medicaid
- What the Medical ID cards look like
- The renewal process
- About the related terminology
- About MAGI Medicaid policy

