

# Presumptive Eligibility

## What is PE?

Presumptive eligibility (PE) is a program that offers short-term medical coverage to Kansans, with limited income, who are not currently receiving Medicaid. The goal of PE is to provide consumers with immediate and temporary medical coverage while a KanCare application is processed.

## Who can get PE?

Children, Low-income Parents & Caretakers, former foster care adults, women with breast or cervical cancer, and Pregnant Women who do not currently have Medicaid.

These eligibility requirements must also be met:

- Be a U.S. citizen or qualified legal immigrant.
- Be a resident of Kansas.
- Meet income guidelines.

## How does the PE process work?

Consumers are asked questions to help identify the type of coverage for which they may qualify. This includes but is not limited to household size and income information. Based on the information provided, a PE determination will be made immediately, and an eligibility letter is generated. Keep this letter and present to all providers, including pharmacies, you seek medical services from while covered under the PE program.



## How do I apply for PE?

Find a qualified PE provider to assist you with submitting a PE application. These include hospitals, clinics, health departments or other community-based organizations authorized by the state to determine Presumptive Eligibility. A PE specialist with the qualified provider will assist you with the PE and KanCare applications.



## What is covered during Presumptive Eligibility?

Services covered under PE will depend upon the type of PE program the type of PE a consumer is eligible for. For instance, Pregnant Women coverage under the PE program has some limitations, please see the PE-PW brochure on the PE website for more information regarding PE-PW coverage.



## Do I need to pick a health plan?

Depending on the type of PE coverage a consumer is eligible for will determine if a health plan can be chosen. For instance, Pregnant Women benefits under the PE program are not covered under any MCO (managed care organization). You will have the opportunity to choose an MCO before the KanCare application is submitted. You will be able to seek medical services from any Medicaid provider in the state of Kansas.

## How long am I covered through PE?

Approved PE coverage begins on the date the determination is completed and will end the month following the PE determination. If the KanCare application is received during the PE period, the eligibility will remain active until the clearinghouse processes your KanCare application.

## How can I apply for KanCare after the PE determination has been completed?

Consumers now have the option to have entity staff complete both the Presumptive Eligibility and KanCare applications at the same time. Consumers can also choose to appoint entity staff as an Authorized Representative to assist them through the application process.

Applications can be accepted by:

- Completing a PE & medical KanCare application with a PE specialist.
- Submitting a paper application
- Submitting an online application at <https://cssp.kees.ks.gov/apspssp/>

