

How to Apply for Medical Assistance (MA)

There are a couple of ways to apply for MA. If you do not know if you are eligible, you may still apply.

1. You can apply for or renew your MA benefits online by using COMPASS. COMPASS is the name of the website where you can apply for MA and many other services that can help you make ends meet.

www.dpw.state.pa.us/applyforbenefits

2. You can also apply for MA by contacting your local county assistance office.

1931 New Hope St.

Norristown, PA 19401

610.270.3500

Toll free 1.877.398.5571

3. Or, you can download an application form to send to your county assistance office. If you need help completing the application form, a county assistance office staff member can help you. The form is located on the above website, COMPASS.

Be sure to complete all information on the application, You must also provide copies of the following:

Childs birth certificate

Childs social security card

Information on the childs disability

Please write "PH95" on the application if you are applying based on your childs disability

The income requirement does not apply in this case.

Return the completed application to the County Assistance Office. Ask for a receipt. A receipt gives you proof that you submitted the application if it gets lost.

The office will contact you for an interview when they have received the application. The interview may be done in person or over the phone. The office will then review your application. You will receive a letter in the mail telling you if your child is eligible and the effective date.