

Utah Strategies for **Medicaid Services and Immigrant Coverage**

Medicaid Administration

States design their Medicaid programs using different administrative structures and oversight mechanisms. Approaches may include the use of managed care, medical loss ratio requirements, site-neutral payment policies, vendor partnerships for enrollment, and coordination with Medicare. This section assesses how states administer Medicaid to balance efficiency, oversight, and consumer protections. Strategies examined in this section include:

- States Utilize Medicaid Managed Care

- States Partner with Vendors for Medicaid Enrollment and/or Eligibility

- Medicaid-Medicare Integration

Medicaid Covered-Services

State Medicaid programs vary in the range of services they cover beyond federal minimum requirements. Some states have expanded coverage to include fertility treatments, doula services, abortion care, gender-affirming services, hearing aids, vision care, and dental services. This section reviews the extent to which states provide enhanced benefits to improve access and health outcomes. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Medicaid Coverage for Fertility Services

- Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services

- Medicaid Coverage for Abortion Care

- Medicaid Coverage for Gender Affirming Care

- Medicaid Coverage for Hearing Aids

- Medicaid Coverage for Eye Exams and Glasses

- Medicaid Coverage for Dental Services



Medicaid Eligibility

Eligibility rules determine who can access Medicaid coverage and the scope of their benefits. States can expand eligibility through Medicaid expansion, extend postpartum coverage, provide continuous eligibility, and adjust asset and income rules for specific populations. Some states also provide coverage to individuals reentering the community after incarceration. This section examines how states structure Medicaid eligibility to promote access and continuity of care. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Medicaid Expansion

- Retroactive Medicaid

- Continuous Eligibility for Adults Enrolled in Medicaid

- 12-Month Postpartum Coverage

- Medicaid Coverage for Re-Entry Populations

- Expanded Asset Limits for Adults Enrolled in a Medicaid Aged, Blind, or Disabled Program

- Life Insurance Exemptions for Eligibility in Medicaid for Aged, Blind and Disabled Program

- Retirement Account Exemptions for Eligibility in Medicaid for Aged, Blind and Disabled Program

Immigrant Coverage

States may extend coverage to immigrants who are otherwise excluded from federal programs, such as undocumented children or adults. Additional policies include state-funded options for prenatal, postpartum, or child health coverage, as well as coverage for lawfully present immigrants without a five-year waiting period. This section evaluates state actions to close coverage gaps for immigrant populations. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Coverage Options for Pregnant Immigrants (FCEP and Postpartum Coverage)

- Coverage for Immigrant Children without a Five-Year Bar

- State-Funded Coverage Options for Undocumented Children

- State-Funded Coverage Options for Undocumented Adults



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Medicaid Administration

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Medicaid Managed Care	 State partners with MCOs to operate their Medicaid program	Medicaid recipients in Box Elder, Cache, Davis, Iron, Morgan, Rich, Salt Lake, Summit, Tooele, Utah, Wasatch, Washington, or Weber counties must enroll in an MCO (Accountable Care Organization) plan. Recipients in other counties can choose between an MCO or fee-for-service plan.
Medicaid Vendor — Eligibility and Enrollment	 State contracts with a vendor for Medicaid enrollment or eligibility*	
Integrated Medicaid-Medicare	 State does not integrate Medicare-Medicaid to coordinate care for the dually eligible population	



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Medicaid Covered Services

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Medicaid Coverage for Fertility Services	 State Medicaid program covers infertility treatments, fertility preservation, or both (see notes)	HB 192, “Fertility Treatment Amendments,” specified a Medicaid waiver for fertility preservation services for cancer patients. Additionally, House Bill 214, "Insurance Coverage Modifications," specified a state plan amendment for Medicaid coverage for IVF and genetic testing for carriers of 5 genetic diseases
Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services	 The state has received approval to reimburse doula services under Medicaid but is still implementing the program	Utah passed SB 284 in March 2025, requiring Medicaid reimbursement of doula services. The state is currently in the process of implementing these measures.
Medicaid Coverage for Abortion Care	 State Medicaid program does not cover abortion care in their benefits package	
Medicaid Coverage for Transition-Related Care	 State Medicaid program does not explicitly cover transition-related care for adults	State Medicaid has no explicit and/or clear policy regarding transition-related health care for adults.
Medicaid Coverage for Hearing Aids	 State Medicaid program covers hearing aids for some, but not all, adults (see note)	Hearing services, including hearing aids, are only covered for pregnant adults.
Medicaid Coverage for Eye Exams and Glasses	 State Medicaid program covers only eye exams or eyeglasses but not both, or biannually or less frequently, or restricts coverage based on age or health condition (see notes)	Annual exam coverage only. Pregnant adults may receive eyeglasses.
Medicaid Coverage for Dental Services	 State Medicaid program covers preventive and diagnostic dental services, extractions, dentures, root canals, fillings, and crowns for adults	



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Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Medicaid Expansion	 State has expanded Medicaid eligibility to 138% FPL	Utah has a trigger law in place that requires termination of the expansion if the enhanced federal matching rate drops.
Retroactive Medicaid	 State retroactively extends Medicaid benefits 90 days prior to application date for all adult enrollees	
Adult Medicaid Continuous Eligibility	 State has not authorized 12-month continuous eligibility for non-pregnant adult Medicaid enrollees*	
12-Month Postpartum Coverage	 State has authorized 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage	
Medicaid Available to People who are Incarcerated	 State has not authorized Medicaid coverage for justice-involved individuals while they are in a correctional setting*	Utah's 1115 waiver extending Medicaid coverage to incarcerated individuals 90 days before release was approved in July 2024 and the state is in process of implementation, but is not yet in effect as of June 2025.
Medicaid ABD Asset Limits	 State has not expanded the asset limit for Medicaid for the Elderly and Disabled eligibility beyond \$2,000 for an individual applicant and \$3,000 for joint applicants	
Medicaid ABD Life Insurance Exemption	 Life insurance exemption limits do not exceed \$1,500	
Medicaid ABD Retirement Account Exemptions	 State does not exempt retirement savings from Medicaid eligibility determinations	



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Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
From Conception to End of Pregnancy (FCEP)	 Does not cover pregnancy-related services through the CHIP From-Conception-to-End-of-Pregnancy (FCEP) Option or post-partum coverage	
Immigrant Children without a Five-Year Bar	 State offers coverage for lawfully residing immigrant children without a five-year bar	
Pregnant Immigrants without a Five-Year Bar	 Does not offer coverage for lawfully residing pregnant immigrants without a five-year bar	
State-Funded Coverage for Children Regardless of Citizenship Status	 Offers coverage for children regardless of immigration status	
State-Funded Coverage for Adults Regardless of Citizenship Status	 Does not offer coverage for adults regardless of immigration status	



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