



MC&FP FACT SHEET

Medicaid for Families With Special Needs

Data



As of Jan. 31, 2014, legislation has been introduced to address this issue in Washington state.

Additional information

USA4 Military Families

<http://www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil>

Medicaid.gov

<http://medicaid.gov>

Exceptional Family Member Program/Special Needs

<http://www.militaryonesource.mil/efmp>

Background

Medicaid provides health insurance coverage for select groups of low-income individuals and families. Within broad national guidelines, each state establishes its own eligibility standards, determines the type, amount, duration and scope of services, sets payment rates for services and administers its own program. Independent state Medicaid eligibility requirements and lengthy waiting lists hinder military families from obtaining Medicaid home and community-based services waivers during critical transition periods such as separation from the military. Mobile military life restricts reasonable participation in state Medicaid options and waiver programs, and families often encounter long waiting periods to access benefits when they move after separation or retirement.

Highlights

Through the USA4 Military Families initiative, the Department of Defense engages and educates state policymakers and other state leaders to address state-level challenges impacting the quality of life of military families. The DoD recognizes state Medicaid requirements can cause significant difficulty for a military families in need of this support. Consequently, DoD educates state policy makers on the need to allow military families with special needs family members an opportunity to enroll in Medicaid waiver programs while on active duty so that Medicaid support will be available without an extended waiting period after separating/retiring from the military.

