



The Connect to Work Center
The Premier Resource Center for Benefits Information

WHAT MEDICAL BENEFITS ARE AVAILABLE TO ME?

Husky

- Is free or low-cost health insurance for uninsured children and youth up to age 19.
- For more information call 1-877-CT- Husky (1-877-284-8759) between 8:30a.m to 6:00p.m. Monday through Friday or 10:00a.m to 2:00p.m on Saturday.
- You can also visit the Husky website at www.huskyhealth.com.

Medicaid

- Is a state run medical assistance program for Connecticut residents who have a significant disability (one that makes it very difficult for them to work) or are elderly.
- You must be low income and have low assets (below \$1,600 in savings, checking, bonds, etc.) unless you're working.
- Once working any amount, you may be eligible for Medicaid for the Employed Disabled. The income and asset limits for this program are much higher.
- As of age 18, only your income and assets are counted (not those of your parents).
- Apply by calling your local Department of Social Services office.

Medicare

- Is a health insurance program for people who have been on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) for 24 months.
- If you're on SSDI, Social Security will send you information on signing up for Medicare shortly before you will be eligible for it.
- Also is available immediately to anyone with End Stage Renal disease or A.L.S. and for seniors who are full retirement age (If you are diagnosed with End Stage Renal disease or A.L.S. contact Social Security to find out how to apply for Medicare by going to their website at www.ssa.gov or calling 1-800-772-1213 or TTY for hearing impaired 1-800-325-0778, Monday through Friday between 7a.m and 7p.m.).

Private Health Insurance

- If you have insurance under your parents, check to see how long you'll be covered after high school and if it meets your medical needs.
- You can have more than one type of medical insurance. For example, you can have Medicaid and private insurance through a parent as well as insurance through your own employer.