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Medicaid: A Primer

What Is Medicaid?

- 1. Medicaid is the country's publicly financed health and long-term care coverage program for low-income people.
- A. True
- B. False
- 2. Medicaid is funded by both the states and the federal government. It is administered by:
- A. The federal government
- B. The states
- C. A joint state and federal commission

Who Is Covered by Medicaid?

- 3. Federal law requires states to cover certain 'mandatory' groups in order to receive any federal matching funds. These 'mandatory' groups include:
- A. Pregnant women and children under age 6 with family income below 133% FPL
- B. Children age 6 to 18 below 100% FPL
- C. Parents below states' July 1996 welfare eligibility levels
- D. Most elderly and persons with disabilities who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- E. All of the above
- 4. Only American citizens and specific categories of lawfully residing immigrants can qualify for Medicaid
- A. True
- B. False

What Services Does Medicaid Cover?

- 5. State Medicaid programs must cover "mandatory services" specified in federal law in order to receive any federal matching funds. Which of the following is NOT a mandatory service?
- A. Physicians' services
- B. Hospital services (inpatient and outpatient)
- C. Laboratory and x-ray services
- D. Federally-qualified health center and rural health clinic services
- E. Nursing facility services for individuals under age 21
- 6. States are also permitted to cover many important services that federal law designates as "optional," such as nursing facility services for individuals under age 21.
- A. True
- B. False
- 7. Some of the many long term care services Medicaid provides are:
- A. Comprehensive services provided in nursing homes and intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded
- B. Home health care
- C. Medical equipment
- D. All of the above
- E. B and C above

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