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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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