

Temporary Public Assistance During COVID-19 Pandemic



Apply for Child Care Subsidies and Preschool Open Doors!

During this COVID-19 crisis, Hawai'i has temporarily changed its rules for child care subsidies. Many more families are now eligible. We urge all families who have been financially impacted by this pandemic to apply today.



Learn more about applying to Child Care Connection Hawai'i online at <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/ccch-subsidies/how-to-apply/>

 Hilo: (808) 961-6807; Kona: (808) 334-6101

Apply for Health Insurance- Med-QUEST (Hawaii Medicaid) or Healthcare.gov



Our organization is doing our part to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus while continuing our services. We encourage our community to:

1. Apply for Medicaid benefits online: <https://medical.mybenefits.hawaii.gov> 
2. If you do not have access to a computer, apply by calling (808) 524-3370 (Oahu) OR 1-(800)-316-8005 (Neighbor Islands) 
3. Please avoid coming to our offices.

A drop box is available at our office to receive paper applications if you are unable to apply online or call.

Please know that if you were on Medicaid as of 3/18/2020 or have become eligible since then, your Medicaid coverage will not be terminated during this period of National Emergency.

If you don't qualify for Med-QUEST (Hawaii Medicaid), we can assist you with applying to the Federal Health Insurance Marketplace (808) 692-8151.

Apply for Food Assistance (SNAP)/Financial Assistance



The Benefit, Employment, and Support Services Division (BESSD) of DHS will continue to serve residents throughout the pandemic.

Applicants:

- Use the digital fillable/printable application form on the DHS website: <http://humanservices.hawaii.gov/bessd/1961-2/> OR
- Call the office for an application form to be mailed to you: <https://humanservices.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Statewide-Processing-Centers-04-2018.pdf>
- Drop off your forms in the nearest processing center drop box.

Documents needed: birth certificate and valid ID (such as driver's license/state ID), Social Security Number

Current Recipients:

Eligibility reviews (ER) during March, April, and May will be extended an additional six (6) months to ensure benefits during COVID-19 pandemic.

 Call 1-855-643-1643 (toll free)

Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD):

- **There will be NO Work / Education & Training requirement temporarily.**

