

How to Apply for GAPP in Georgia: A Step-by-Step Guide for Families

Caring for a medically fragile child can be overwhelming, but the **Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP)** offers a lifeline. This Medicaid-funded initiative provides in-home skilled nursing and personal care services for children under 21 at no cost to eligible families. Here's how to navigate the application process:

Step 1: Confirm Medicaid Eligibility

GAPP services are available to children who:

- Are under 21 years old
- Have a medical condition requiring skilled nursing or personal care
- Are Medicaid recipients

Reference: georgiapediatricprogram.health

If your child isn't currently enrolled in Medicaid, contact your local Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) office to apply.

Step 2: Gather Necessary Documentation

Work with a GAPP-approved nursing agency to collect and submit the following:

References: georgiapediatricprogram.health, mmis.georgia.gov

- DMA-6A Form: Completed by your child's physician
- DMA-80 Form: Details your child's medical history and care needs
- Physician's Plan of Treatment (PPOT): Outlines the recommended care
- Freedom of Choice Form: Indicates your selected care provider
- Letter of Medical Necessity: From your child's physician

These documents are submitted through the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) portal.

Step 3: Await Prior Authorization

Once submitted, the application undergoes a review process to determine medical necessity. This can take up to 30 days. You'll receive a notification of approval or denial.

Step 4: Initiate Services

Upon approval, coordinate with your chosen nursing agency to begin services. They'll match your child with a qualified caregiver and establish a care schedule tailored to your family's needs.

Step 5: Maintain Eligibility

GAPP services require periodic reauthorization. Ensure timely submission of updated medical documentation and continued Medicaid eligibility to avoid service interruptions.

Need Assistance?

Navigating GAPP can be complex, but you're not alone. Our team at ablepathcare.com is here to guide you through every step. Contact us at **(470) 848-2982** or hello@ablepathcare.com for personalized support.

Empower your family with the support it deserves. Apply for GAPP today