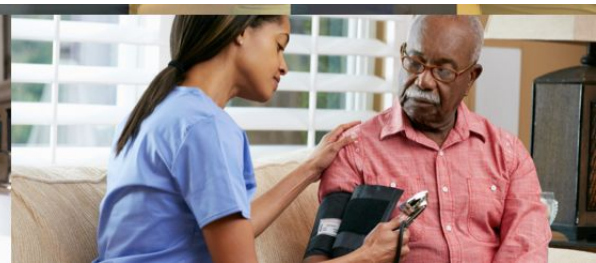




Healthy Babies Equity Act Implementation

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Overview

- HB1080: Healthy Babies Equity Act (Acts of 2022)
 - Comprehensive care for non-citizen pregnant individuals and their children
 - Eligible for Medicaid but for immigration status
 - Four months postpartum coverage
 - Retroactive coverage
 - One year of coverage for the child
 - Up to 250% FPL
- Anticipated 6,000 pregnant individuals will be eligible for enrollment
- Coverage goes live July 1, 2023

Benefits Package

- Same benefits as other pregnant participants
- Comprehensive care
 - Medical care
 - Behavioral health services
 - Dental services
 - Prescription drugs
 - No copays

Retroactive Coverage

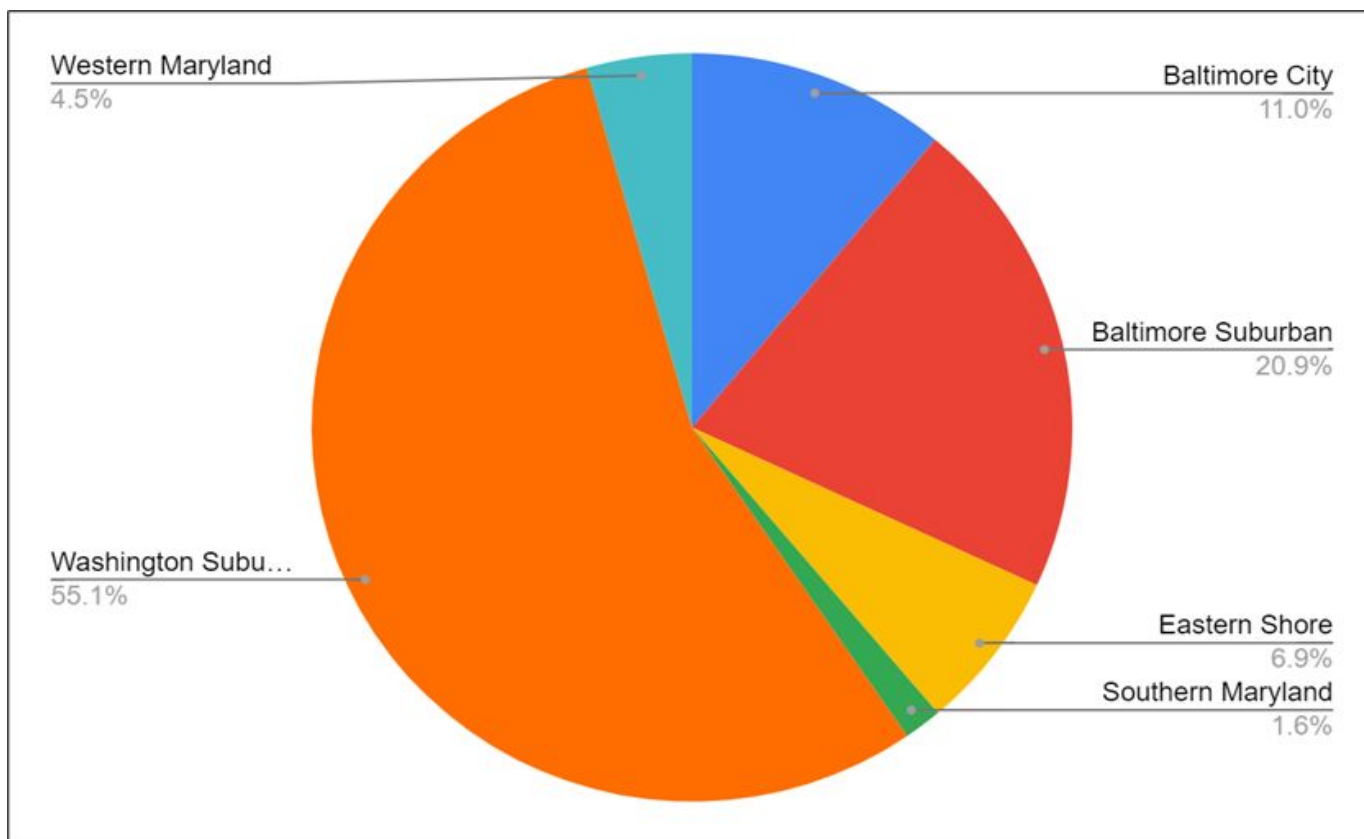
- Up to the 3 months immediately preceding the month of application
 - Individual must have been pregnant or in the postpartum period during those months to qualify for retro
- Applicants may apply for coverage during their postpartum period
- For example, if an individual applies for and qualifies for coverage on July 1, 2023, they would be eligible for retroactive coverage back to April 1, 2023, so long as they were pregnant or within 4 months postpartum as of April 1.

Enrollment

Potentially eligible pregnant individuals can apply through Maryland Health Connection Consumer Portal

- Online
 - Maryland Health Connection (MHC) website
 - Enroll MHC app
- Over the phone
- In-person
 - Local Health Department
 - Department of Social Services
 - Local connector entity

Population Distribution by Region



n=6,XXX individuals

Population Distribution by Jurisdiction

n=6,XXX individuals

Jurisdiction	Proportion	Jurisdiction	Proportion	Jurisdiction	Proportion
Allegany	0.02%	Charles	1.04%	Prince George's	23.96%
Anne Arundel	7.03%	Dorchester	0.34%	Queen Anne's	0.62%
Baltimore City	11.04%	Frederick	3.58%	Somerset	0.19%
Baltimore County	9.46%	Garrett	0.00%	St. Mary's	0.44%
Calvert	0.14%	Harford	1.02%	Talbot	0.77%
Caroline	1.00%	Howard	2.89%	Washington	0.88%
Carroll	0.47%	Kent	0.12%	Wicomico	3.38%
Cecil	0.26%	Montgomery	31.13%	Worcester	0.20%

Community Outreach

Medicaid will outreach to stakeholders including:

- Community-based organizations
- Community leaders
- Providers

Materials

- Webpage
- Consumer-facing one-pager
- Provider-facing one-pager
- Provider transmittal

Contact Information

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Questions