The Commonwealth of Kentucky

kynect benefits

Quick Reference Guide
Prescreening Tool
This Quick Reference Guide is designed to help users complete the steps required to use the Prescreening Tool in kynect benefits.

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Please Note: Residents who still need help after referencing this Quick Reference Guide can call (855) 459-6328 for additional assistance.
Prescreening Tool Overview

The Prescreening Tool in kynect benefits allows Residents to view their household’s potential eligibility for benefits before completing a benefits application. The Prescreening Tool asks Residents basic questions about their household.

Based on the responses, the Prescreening Tool evaluates potential eligibility across the following Benefit programs:

**Health Coverage Assistance**

- Programs: Medicaid and Kentucky Children’s Health Insurance Program (KCHIP)
- These programs help cover medical and preventative health care costs.

**Premium Assistance**

- Program: Health Insurance Premium Payments (KI-HIPP)
- KI-HIPP helps cover health premiums.

**Qualified Health Plan**

- Program: Qualified Health Plan (QHP)
- QHP allows a Resident to buy a qualified health insurance plan through kynect health coverage

**Food Assistance**

- Program: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- SNAP allows people to buy healthy food options.

**Cash Assistance for Families with Children**

- Program: Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (KTAP)
- KTAP helps families with children pay for basic household expenses.

**Child Care Assistance**

- Program: Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)
- The Child Care Assistance Program helps working families pay for childcare.
The Basic Eligibility requirements for all programs include:

- Must be a Resident of Kentucky and a US citizen or qualified immigrant.

Please Note: The Prescreening Tool does not guarantee eligibility for benefits, as eligibility may change once more information is captured. Residents are encouraged to complete a benefits application regardless of the prescreening results.

Locating the Prescreening Tool

The Prescreening Tool is easily accessible throughout kynect benefits and users are not required to log in to use it. The Prescreening Tool can be started from the Program pages for which the tool completes the evaluation. Additionally, users can locate the Prescreening Tool at the places below.

Prescreening Tool on the kynect benefits home page
1. Click “Prescreening Tool” near the center of the home page.
Prescreening Tool on the Resident Dashboard

1. If the Resident is signed into kynect benefits and has not applied for benefits, click “Prescreening Tool” at the bottom of the Dashboard.

Prescreening Tool in the “I want to Section”

1. If the Resident is signed into kynect benefits and has submitted at least one benefits application, click “Prescreening Tool” in the I want to... section at the bottom of the Dashboard.
Completing the Prescreening Tool

Once the Prescreening Tool has been found, the user is brought to an overview screen that explains how it works. Read the Prescreening Tool Overview for Potential Eligibility and Basic Eligibility Requirement information.
Below are the steps to complete the Prescreening Tool.

Steps to Complete the Prescreening Tool
1. Complete the web security steps by checking, “I'm not a robot”.
2. Click “Start Prescreening Tool”.

The Prescreening Tool is not an application. The results do not guarantee you will or will not be eligible for benefits. You need to complete a full benefits application in order to determine eligibility for any program.

Kentucky benefit prescreening will check for potential eligibility across the following:
1. Health Assistance
2. Food Assistance
3. Financial Assistance for Families with Children
4. Child Care Assistance
5. Health Insurance Premium Payment

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Basic Eligibility requirements for all programs:

- You must be a resident of Kentucky
- You must be a US citizen or qualified immigrant
3. Complete the Household Details section.

The Household Details section may ask questions such as:

- **How many people are in the household?**
- **Are there any children age 18 years old or younger in the household?**

**Please Note:** Household members are defined as individuals having the same address. However, the exact definition of household members changes by benefits programs.

- **Is anyone in the household pregnant?**
- **Is anyone in the household a migrant or seasonal farm worker?**
- **Is anyone in the household age 60 or older, blind, or disabled?**
• Does anyone in this household have an employer that offers health care coverage?

**Please Note:** Additional follow-up questions may appear as each question is answered. Complete all questions with accurate answers to get the best results from the Prescreening Tool.

4. Click “Next”.

5. Complete the Income & Resource Details section.

The Income & Resource section may ask questions such as:

• What is the household’s combined monthly gross income (income before taxes) in dollars from working and other sources?

• How much does the household have in checking/saving accounts and cash on hand in dollars?

**Please Note:** Additional follow-up questions may appear as each question is answered. Complete all questions with accurate answers to get the best results from the Prescreening Tool.

6. Click “Next”.

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7. Complete the Expense Details section.

The Expense Details section may ask questions such as:

- How much is the household's combined monthly shelter expense, such as rent or mortgage?
- Does the household pay for heating or cooling separate from rent or mortgage?
- Is the household billed for more than one utility expense?
- How much is the household's combined monthly childcare and/or dependent care expense?
- How much is the household's combined monthly child support expense for children who are not part of household?

Please Note: Additional follow-up questions may appear as each question is answered. Complete all questions with accurate answers to get the best results from the Prescreening Tool.

8. Click “Submit”.
Prescreening Results

The results show one’s potential eligibility or if more information is required for the following benefit programs: Medicaid/KCHIP/QHP, SNAP, CCAP, KTAP, and KI-HIPP. Regardless of eligibility results, Residents are encouraged to apply for any benefit program. Even if Residents are deemed ineligible for Medicaid, they may still be eligible for Qualified Health Plans (QHP) or Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC).

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