

The Commonwealth of Kentucky  
**kynect State-Based Marketplace**



**kynect benefits Prescreening Tool  
Quick Reference Guide**

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**Introduction**

This Quick Reference Guide is intended to instruct users how to navigate the kynect benefits Prescreening Tool and the Browse Plans feature.

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## 1 kynect benefits Prescreening Tool Overview

The kynect benefits Prescreening Tool allows Residents to anonymously enter information to check potential eligibility across Health Assistance (Medicaid and Kentucky Children’s Health Insurance Program), Food Assistance (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), Financial Assistance for Families with Children (Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program), Child Care Assistance (Child Care Assistance Program), and Health Insurance Premium Payment Assistance (Kentucky Integrated Health Premium Payment Program). The Prescreening Tool is not an application and does not guarantee eligibility. To determine eligibility for any program a full benefits application must be completed.

## 2 kynect benefits Prescreening Tool

1. Navigate to the kynect benefits website at [kynect.ky.gov/benefits](https://kynect.ky.gov/benefits).
2. Click **Prescreening Tool** to view prescreening information.



3. Click the **circle** next to the benefits the household would like to screen for.
4. After reviewing the prescreening information, check the **box** to confirm the Resident is not a robot.
5. Click **Start Prescreening Tool**.

**Accuracy Disclaimer:**

The Prescreening Tool is not an application. This tool is a way for users to get an estimation of programs and benefits they may be eligible for before they decide to apply. The results do not guarantee you will or will not be eligible for benefits. The results given are basic estimations, and do not capture all elements needed to determine eligibility. You must complete a full benefits application in order to determine eligibility for any program.

The SNAP Benefit amount calculated is an estimation based on limited factors. To determine your actual SNAP Benefit Amount eligibility, you must apply using the SNAP application.

Select the benefits the household would like to screen for:

Check my potential eligibility across multiple benefit programs as well as my potential SNAP benefit amount.  
We will check 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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Only calculate my potential SNAP benefit amount. I do not want to check for potential eligibility across other programs

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**Basic Eligibility requirements for all programs:**

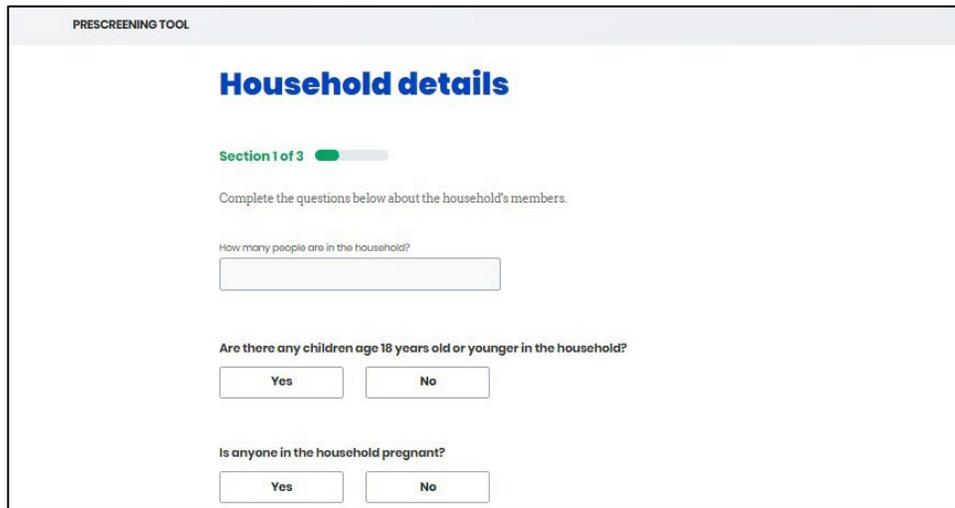
- You must live in Kentucky
- You must be a US citizen or qualified immigrant

[Exit](#)  I'm not a robot  [Start Prescreening tool](#)

## 2.1 Section 1: Household Details Screen

The **Household details** screen asks about the number of people in the household and situations that apply to the household.

6. Enter the **Number** for *How many people are in the household?*
7. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Are there any children age 18 years old or younger in the household?*
8. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Is anyone in the household pregnant?*



The screenshot shows the 'Household details' screen within a 'PRESCREENING TOOL' interface. The title 'Household details' is prominently displayed in blue. Below the title, a progress indicator shows 'Section 1 of 3' with a green bar. The instructions state: 'Complete the questions below about the household's members.' The first question is 'How many people are in the household?' with a text input field. The second question is 'Are there any children age 18 years old or younger in the household?' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. The third question is 'Is anyone in the household pregnant?' with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. A red horizontal line is drawn below the 'Yes' and 'No' buttons for the third question.

9. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Are you currently homeless?*
10. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Is anyone in the household a migrant or seasonal farm worker?*
11. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Is anyone in the household age 60 or older, blind, or disabled?*
  - a. If **Yes**, click **Yes** or **No** for *Is anyone in the household receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?*
  - b. If **Yes**, click **Yes** or **No** for *Is anyone in the household receiving Long Term Care (LTC) services, such as through waiver or a nursing facility?*
  - c. If **Yes**, click **Yes** or **No** for *Is anyone in the household receiving Medicare?*
12. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Does anyone in this household have an employer that offers healthcare coverage?*
  - a. If **Yes**, enter the **Number** for *How much is the monthly premium that is paid towards the healthcare coverage?*
  - b. If **Yes**, enter the **Number** for *How many members are enrolled in the policy?*
13. Click **Next** to proceed to **Section 2** of the kynect benefits Prescreening Tool.

The screenshot displays a digital form with four questions, each with 'Yes' and 'No' buttons. The questions are: 9. 'Are you currently homeless?', 10. 'Is anyone in the household a migrant or seasonal farm worker?', 11. 'Is anyone in the household age 60 or older, blind or disabled?', and 12. 'Does anyone in this household have an employer that offers health care coverage?'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Back' and 'Exit' in light blue, and 'Next' in purple. The 'Next' button is highlighted with a red border. The question numbers 9, 10, 11, and 12 are shown in small boxes to the left of their respective questions. The number 13 is shown in a box next to the 'Next' button.

## 2.2 Section 2: Income and Resource Details Screen

The **Income and Resource Details** screen asks about the household's monthly gross income and current financial situation.

14. Enter the **Number** for *What is the household's combined gross income (income before taxes) from wages and self-employment?*
15. Enter the **Number** for *What is the household's combined monthly gross income from other sources (such as social security, child support, unemployment, and money given by friends or family)?*
16. Enter the **Number** for *How much does the household have in checking/saving accounts and cash on hand?*
17. Click **Next** to proceed to **Section 3** of the kynect benefits Prescreening Tool.

The screenshot shows a digital form with three input fields and three buttons. Each input field is preceded by a question number in a small box. The input fields are highlighted with red rectangles. The 'Next' button is also highlighted with a red rectangle. The 'Back' and 'Exit' buttons are light blue.

14 What is the household's combined monthly gross income (income before taxes) from wages and self-employment?  
\$

15 What is the household's combined monthly gross income from other sources (such as social security, child support, unemployment, and money given by friends or family)?  
\$

16 How much does the household have in checking/saving accounts and cash on hand?  
\$

Back Exit 17 Next

### 2.3 Section 3: Expense Details Screen

The **Expense Details** screen asks about the household's current expenses.

18. Enter the **Number** for *How much is the household's combined monthly shelter expense, such as rent or mortgage?*
19. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Is the household billed for internet services?*
20. Click **Yes** or **No** for *Does the household pay for heating or cooling separate from rent or mortgage OR did you receive a LIHEAP payment greater than \$20 in the last 12 months?*
  - a. If **No**, click **Yes** or **No** for *Is the household billed for 2 or more utilities that are NOT heating or cooling?*
  - b. If **No**, click **Yes** or **No** for *Is the household only billed for telephone?*
21. Enter the **Number** for *How much is the household's combined monthly child support expense for children who are not part of the household?*
22. Enter the **Number** for *How much is the household's combined monthly child care and/or dependent care expense?*
23. Click **Submit** to submit the kynect benefits Prescreening Tool.

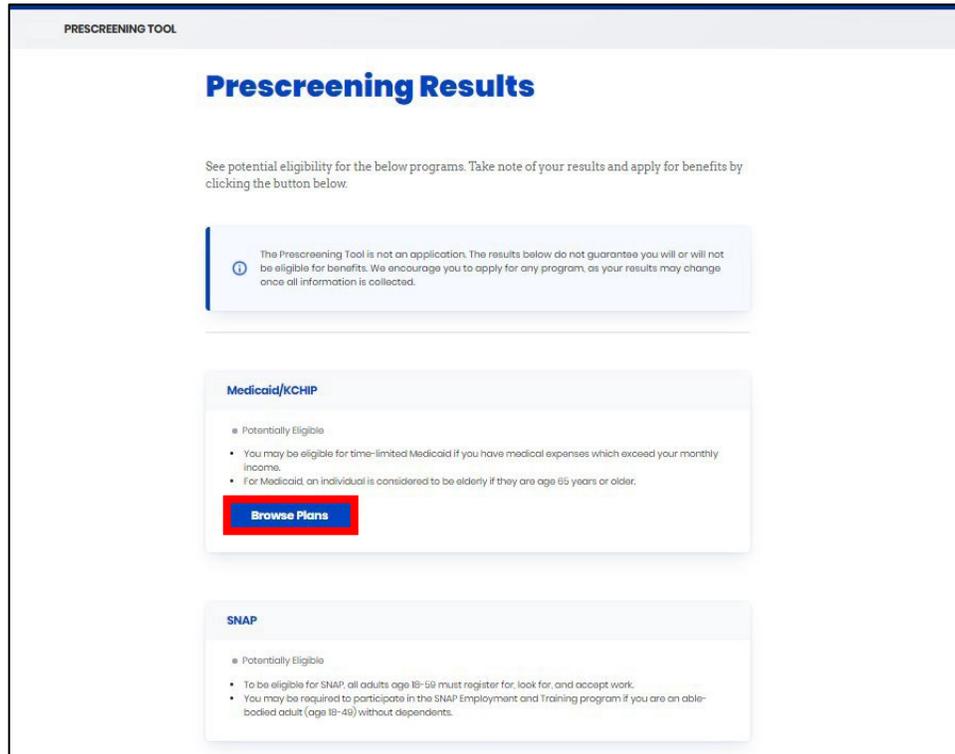
The screenshot shows the 'Expense Details' screen with the following elements:

- Title:** Expense Details
- Progress:** Section 3 of 3 (indicated by a green bar)
- Instruction:** Complete the questions below about the household's expenses.
- Question 18:** A text input field with a dollar sign (\$) for 'How much is the household's combined monthly shelter expense, such as rent or mortgage?'
- Question 19:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' for 'Is the household billed for internet services?'
- Question 20:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' for 'Does the household pay for heating or cooling separate from rent or mortgage OR did you receive a LIHEAP payment greater than \$20 in the last 12 months?'. The 'No' button is highlighted in blue.
- Question a:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' for 'Is the household billed for 2 or more utilities that are NOT heating or cooling?'. The 'No' button is highlighted in blue.
- Question b:** Radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No' for 'Is the household only billed for telephone?'
- Question 21:** A text input field with a dollar sign (\$) for 'How much is the household's combined monthly child support expense for children who are not part of household?'
- Question 22:** A text input field with a dollar sign (\$) for 'How much is the household's combined monthly child care and/or dependent care expense?'
- Navigation:** 'Back' and 'Exit' buttons in light blue, and a 'Submit' button in purple.

## 2.4 Prescreening Results Screen

Potential eligibility results display after submitting the kynect benefits Prescreening Tool. From here, Residents may anonymously browse plans or submit a formal benefits application.

24. Click **Browse Plans** to view plans and prices on the **Plan Search** screen.

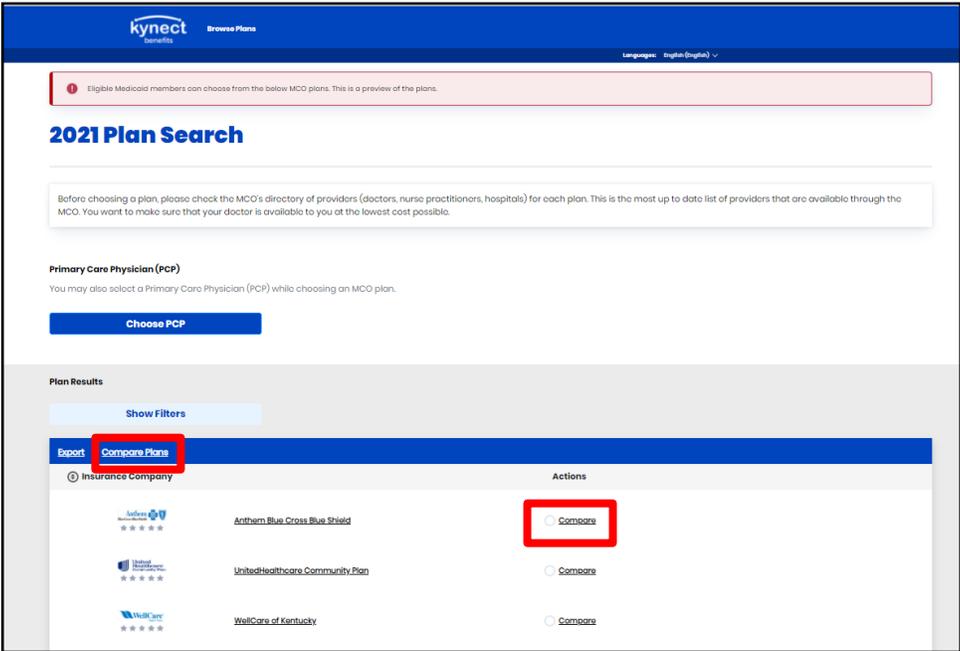


### 2.5 Browse and Compare Plans

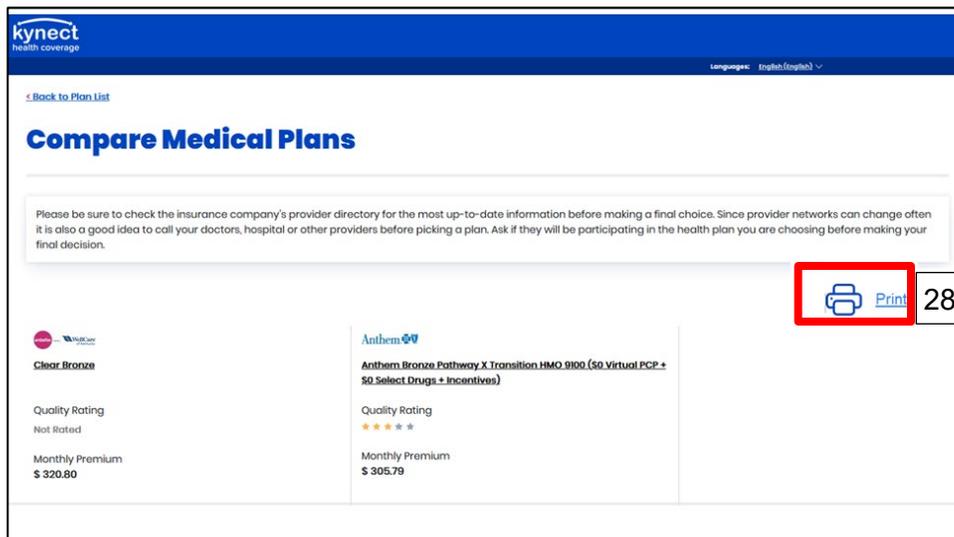
The Browse Plans feature allows users to search for and compare Managed Care Organization (MCO) plans.

25. Click **Compare** to select a plan to compare.

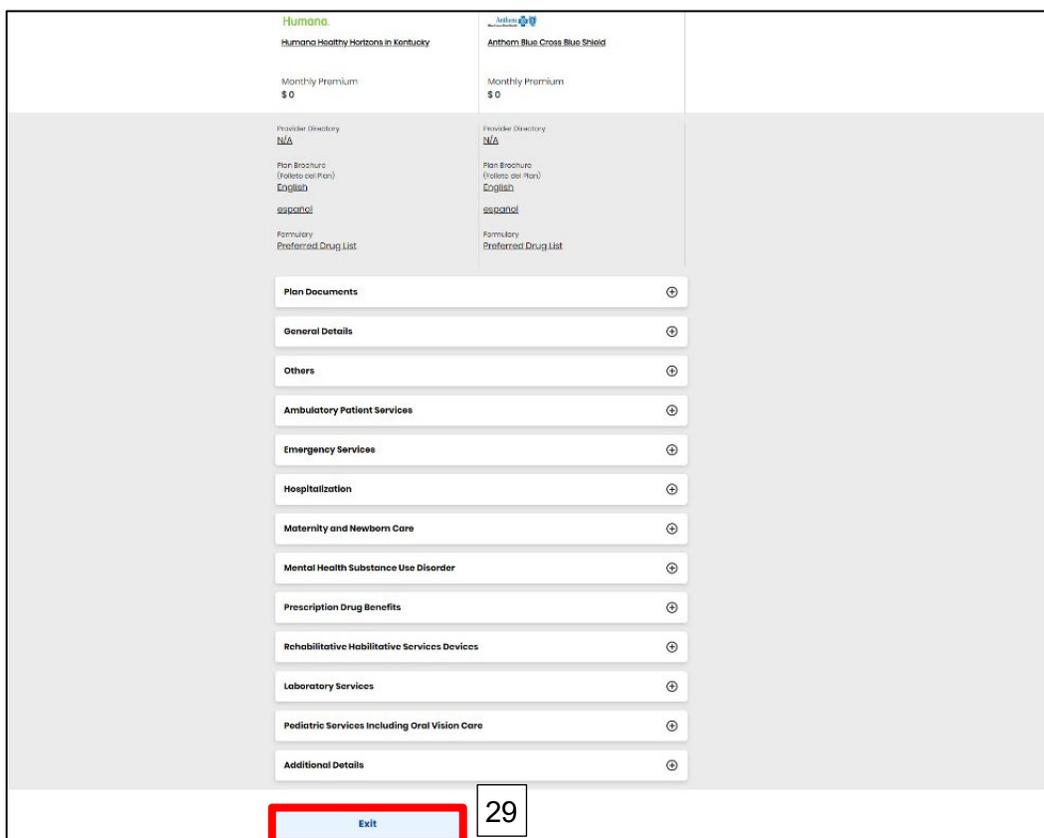
26. Click **Compare Plans** to compare the selected plans.



27. Compare the selected plans.
28. If applicable, click **Print** to display a printable view of the details of the selected plan(s).



29. Click **Exit** to return to the **Plan Search** screen.



**Please note:** To receive benefits, users must complete a full benefits application by clicking **Apply for Benefits** at the bottom of the **Prescreening Results** screen.

**Please note:** When browsing MCOs on the **MCO Plan Search** screen, Individuals can also look for providers that are covered under each MCO and evaluate their distance from the provider's location by looking at a map view of where the provider is located.