



# Medicaid

Wisconsin Medicaid guarantees health care coverage to elderly & disabled persons, pregnant women, children, and adult caretakers of children who qualify for services. Income and asset limits vary. Each month Medicaid provides quality health care coverage to over 500,000 people in Wisconsin.

## ELIGIBILITY

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### Am I Eligible?

**YOU MAY** qualify for Medicaid coverage if:

- You are a U.S. citizen or “eligible” alien;
- You are in ONE of the following groups:
  - Age 65 or older;
  - Blind OR disabled;
  - Under age 19;
  - Pregnant;
  - A relative caretaker of a deprived child;
- You meet income limits. Some people must meet asset limits.

### What Are The Income Limits?

**THERE ARE** a number of different Medicaid categories with different income limits. Your local human or social services office can explain the income limits that apply to you. Refer to the summaries on Healthy Start and BadgerCare for details on the income limits that apply to these two Medicaid categories.

### What If My Income Seems Too High?

**YOU SHOULD** still apply because...

- You may qualify if you have recent medical bills or if you pay a deductible;
- A child at home with long-term disabilities may qualify for Medicaid coverage through the Katie Beckett Program. Information is available on-line at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/bdds/kbpapply.htm>

### Are There Asset Limits?

**THERE IS no** asset test for Family Medicaid categories (children, pregnant women and relative caretakers of deprived children). Only elderly, blind or disabled persons must meet asset limits. Their assets cannot exceed \$2,000 for a single person, or \$3,000 for a couple. Higher asset limits may be set for married persons if institutionalized. Some things are NOT counted, like a home and the land it's on, most personal goods, some life insurance policies, some cars, family members' burial plots, and some burial funds.

## BENEFITS

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### What Does Medicare Cover?

**MEDICAID COVERS** many health care services. Some limitations apply. Medicaid pays for doctor visits and hospital costs, prenatal care and delivery services, check-ups, immunizations, vision and hearing services, dental care (where Medicaid providers are available) mental health counseling, prescription drugs, family planning, lab and x-ray services, and much more.

## APPLICATION

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### How Do I Apply?

**CONTACT YOUR** county or tribal human or social services office, or W-2 agency, or call 1-800-362-3002. A short, simple application is used for family Medicaid and people can now apply by phone or mail, including the Elderly and the Disabled. Verification requirements have also been greatly reduced. Information is available on-line at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid1/recpubs/recpub.htm>

