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What Is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a needs-based program that is funded by state and federal governments. It is administered by the state through the Department of Health and Human Services. Medicaid pays for a wide range of health care needs.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligibility is based on age and/or disability, income, and assets. For full Medicaid benefits, individuals must meet these guidelines:

- 1) Be age 65 or over; or blind; or disabled and unable to work for at least one year AND
- 2) Be a U. S. Citizen
- 3) Have limited monthly income from sources such as social security, pensions, VA benefits, and wages that do not exceed \$903 for one person or \$1,215 for a couple.
- 4) Recipients of the program may own a home, one vehicle, have pre-paid burial arrangements, and assets no greater than \$2,000 for one person or \$3,000 for a couple. Other deductibles will be taken into account by the Medicaid caseworker.

Application Process

Applicants or someone acting on your behalf can apply in person at the Department of Social Services in the county where the older adult resides or can complete a mail in application.

Information necessary to complete the application includes:

- Medical bills
- Social security card
- Medicare card
- Date and place of birth
- Health and life insurance policies and cards
- Savings and/or checking account information and most recent statement(s)
- Stocks, bonds, mutual funds
- Power of Attorney or Guardianship Order documents, if applicable
- Deeds to all property owned individually or jointly owned with someone else
- Title and registration to all motor vehicles
- Prepaid burial contract
- Proof of all monthly income (award letters, check stubs)

Coverage

Full Medicaid coverage (blue card) will pay for many healthcare expenses. These benefits include paying for:

Adult health screening one time per year	Mental health care
Dental care	Nursing home care
Durable medical equipment	Part B Medicare premiums
Eye care and glasses	Physical and speech therapy
Hospice care and home health care	Personal care
In/out patient hospital services	Physician services
Laboratory and x-ray services	Prescription medication (up to six for those not on Medicare)
Medical transportation	Other services

Is There A Cost For Medicaid?

There is no cost for Medicaid. However, some services have a co-payment.

What If I Am Not Eligible For Full-Medicaid Benefits?

There are several additional programs available to individuals who are not eligible for full coverage with Medicaid and who are receiving Medicare. This benefit is called Medicare Qualified Beneficiaries or MQB. It will help pay the Medicare Part B premium and may pay the Medicare deductibles and coinsurance. Since these programs only pay for services covered by Medicare, services such as prescriptions or eyeglasses are **not** covered. Contact the Department of Social Services for more information on these programs.

Medicaid Coverage in Assisted Living Facilities

Medicaid will cover the cost of monthly fees in an assisted living facility under a special program called Special Assistance or SA. The income limit for eligibility for one person under the Special Assistance Program is \$1,183.50 per month. For a person needing care in a special care unit for Alzheimer's or related disorders, the income limit for one person is \$1,580.50 per month. This program is called Special Assistance -Special Care Unit or SA- SCU. Couples who wish to reside in the same facility are assessed individually. There may or may not be a spend-down issue. Special Assistance applicants or someone acting on your behalf must apply in person at the Department of Social Services. For more information on these programs, contact the Medicaid Special Assistance program at the Department of Social Services.

For Additional Information on Medicaid

Forsyth County Department of Social Services - Adult Medicaid	336-703-3502
Medicaid Hot-Line Number - Care-Line	1-800-662-7030

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