



Medical Assistance

Wisconsin Medicaid guarantees health care coverage to elderly and 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

Am I Eligible? **YOU MAY** qualify for Medicaid coverage if:

- You are a U.S. citizen or qualified 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 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/kbp/index.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

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

How Do I Apply?

Contact the Iowa County Department of Social Services office at 608 930-9801. Their office is located at 303 W Chapel St, Ste 2300, Dodgeville WI 53533 or visit www.iowacounty.org, click on Departments, then click Social Services. 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 online at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/medicaid/> You can find out if you may be eligible by visiting the ACCESS website on the internet at <http://www.access.wisconsin.gov>