

Disabled Persons and Family Support Program Maximum Support Allowable, Income Eligibility, and Resource Eligibility

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is responsible for administering the Disabled Persons and Family Support Program (DPFS) based on Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-1501 to §68-1519. The DPFS program provides necessary services to families caring for a family member with a disability so that the person with a disability may remain in the home, obtain employment if possible, and maintain a more independent form of living.

Support Benefit

Legal basis: [Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-1512](#)

Support; Maximum Allowance; Limitations

The maximum support allowable under sections §68-1501 to §68-1519 shall be (1) four hundred dollars per month per disabled person averaged over any one year or (2) four hundred dollars per month per family averaged over any one year for the first disabled family member plus two hundred dollars per month averaged over any one year for each additional disabled family member. The department shall not provide support, according to sections §68-1501 to §68-1519, to any family or disabled person whose gross income less the cost of medical or other care specifically related to the disability exceeds the median family income for a family of four in Nebraska, except that the department shall make adjustments for the actual size of the family.

	Maximum Monthly Support per Person	Maximum Support Allowable per 12-month Eligibility Period
Eligible Client	\$400	\$4,800
Eligible Client Family Member	\$400 \$200	\$4,800 \$2,400

*Refer to the chart on page 3 for maximum monthly gross income based on family size and maximum resource limits.

Medical Mileage

The program may pay for non-emergency medical transportation for eligible recipients when help is needed getting to or from medical appointments related to the identified disability need. Mileage for the recipient’s or provider’s vehicle, room, and board costs incurred by the provider or disabled person during medical evaluation or treatment may be reimbursed under circumstances defined in Title 472 NAC 2-008.08. Qualifying mileage will be reimbursed at the current Internal Revenue Service rate allowed for medical purposes.

Income Guidelines

An annual determination of the income guidelines will be based on population, per capita income, and other data provided by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census.

The Program will provide updated annual financial guidelines used to determine program eligibility. In determining eligibility criteria for families and people with disabilities, the total family income minus the amount that the spouse has designated as a community spouse monthly income allowance will be considered.

2026 Program Income Guidelines

Persons in Household	Median Family Monthly Income by Family Size
1	\$ 5,433.00
2	\$ 7,366.00
3	\$ 8,396.00
4	\$ 10,155.00
5	\$ 11,080.00
6	\$ 12,005.00
7	\$ 12,930.00
8	\$ 13,855.00
9+	\$ 14,780.00

In program determination of program eligibility, a spouse may retain the following per Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-922:

- 1) Assets equivalent to the community spouse resource allowance and
- 2) An amount of income equivalent to the community spouse's monthly income allowance.

Community Spouse Maximum Income Allowance for 2026 is \$4,067 to be excluded from the declared gross monthly income.

Resources

If assets have been designated for an individual per Neb. Rev. Stat. §68-922, the assets will not be considered in determining eligibility for support of the person being considered for eligibility or renewal within the program.

Community Spouse Resource Allowance

Minimum	Maximum
\$32,532	\$162,660

Program Resource Exclusion Limits

Family Size	Maximum Financial Resource Limit Excluding Home Equity
1	\$40,000
2 or more	\$60,000

2026 Home Value Exclusion Limit

Maximum
\$752,000

2026 Irrevocable Burial Trust Funds and Insurance Exclusion Limits

Irrevocable Burial Trust Fund Maximum	Irrevocable Burial Insurance Maximum
\$6,696	\$6,696

2026 Burial Plot Exclusion Limit

Maximum
\$10,000

Example 1

Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside in their own home. On August 19, 2026, Mr. Smith's health begins to deteriorate. He is placed temporarily in a nursing home and Mrs. Smith needs additional support to maintain his care at their residence. Upon application to the DPFS program, Mrs. Smith provides the eligibility worker with verification that the total resources owned in August of 2026 are \$15,800. The spousal minimum amount in 2026 is \$32,532, which is utilized due to the resources being less than the minimum at a declared \$15,800. The amount reserved for the community spouse is at least the minimum. The client is within resource limits, and the community spouse amount is \$15,800 with the applicant's share being \$0.

Community Spouse Allowance	Applicant/Renewal (Spouse)
Savings Account #1 \$9,800	
Checking Account #2 \$6,000	
Total \$15,800	Total \$0.00

Example 2

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are residing in their home and Mrs. Jones falls, which results in an injury and necessary surgery. Mr. Jones applies to the program for assistance with housekeeping and personal care for Mrs. Jones. Mr. Jones is employed part-time, grossing \$5,017 monthly income. Mrs. Jones receives \$3,200 monthly from her retirement (401k).

Community Spouse Allowance		Applicant/Renewal (Spouse)	
Income #1	\$5,017		
	\$4,067 allowance	Income #2	\$3,200
Total	\$950 countable	Total	\$3,200

Example 3

Mr. and Mrs. Nestle reside in their own home. On March 24, 2026, Mr. Nestle is placed temporarily in a nursing home and Mrs. Nestle needs additional support to return her husband to their residence and resume in-home care. In the application provided to the DPFS program, Mrs. Nestle provides the eligibility worker with verification that the total resources owned in March of 2026 are \$201,000. The resources include a savings account, a secondary vehicle, and property (other than the home they reside). The amount reserved for the community spouse is calculated at half the total assets the couple owns.

Community Spouse Allowance/Resources Owned		Applicant/Renewal (Spouse)	
Savings Account	\$28,000		
Vehicle #2	\$23,000		
Additional Property Owned	\$150,000		
Community Spouse Allowance			
Total	\$100,500	Total	\$100,500

Due to being over the program-defined resource limit, even with the CRSA, the client is denied eligibility due to program **resource limit guidelines**.