



Medical Assistance is a statewide program through which medical care and services may be provided for low-income Nebraskans. Medical Assistance is sometimes called Medicaid.

Who may be eligible for Medicaid?

You may be eligible if you are:

- 65 years of age or older.
- An individual under 65 years of age who has a disability, or is visually impaired according to Social Security guidelines.
- An individual 18 years of age or younger.*
- A low-income adult age 19-64.*
- Pregnant women.*
- Parents and Caretakers.*
- Former Foster Care youth.
- And more.

* These groups are not subject to resource tests.

Where do I apply?

You may apply online or over the phone. You may also apply for Medical Assistance at the Department of Health and Human Services Office

closest to where you live. You may also be asked to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) at the Social Security Office.

What type of care is available under Medical Assistance?

The following medical services are available:

- Hospital care and doctor visits.
- Dental care; eye care; speech, hearing and physical therapy.
- Laboratory and x-ray therapy.
- Nursing home care.
- Home health care services.
- Prescribed drugs, medical equipment and health aids.
- Care in institutions for mental diseases if persons are 20 years of age or younger or 65 years of age or older.
- Regular health checks for children.
- Family planning.

What resources may I have and be eligible to receive Medical Assistance?

Certain Medicaid-eligible groups have their income and resources taken into account when their eligibility is determined. The following resources are not included in this determination:

- The home in which you reside.
- One motor vehicle.
- Property you use to operate a trade or business. For example, land, machinery and equipment.
- Irrevocable burial fund.
- Resources, in addition to the above, which do not exceed:
 - \$4,000 for one member family
 - \$6,000 for two member family
 - \$25 for each additional family member



May I dispose of a resource by giving it away or selling it for less than fair market value?

If you give away your home or other resources, you may be giving away a resource which may be used for support. Therefore, you may be found ineligible for Medical Assistance.

May I have income and still be eligible?

Yes, provided you meet all other eligibility requirements and your income does not meet your basic living and medical needs according to eligibility guidelines. You may be required to spend a portion of your income on medical expenses, and show proof of the medical need.

How long must I live in Nebraska in order to be eligible for Medical Assistance?

Your legal residence must be in Nebraska at the time you apply for Medical Assistance.