

Elder Tips
Applying for Medicaid Coverage in Long Term Care
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You may not need to apply for Medicaid now, but it may be a pay source you need to consider at a later time. If you think you have been, or think you will be, in a hospital or nursing home for 30 continuous days and have questions, you can contact your county Medicaid agency for help to identify whether you are eligible for Medicaid. You may apply for Medicaid at any time.

What is Medicaid?

Medicaid is a federal/state program that pays health care providers to deliver essential healthcare and long term care services to frail elderly, people with disabilities and low-income families with dependent children, and certain other children and pregnant women.

The Medicaid programs in Wisconsin include Medical Assistance, BadgerCare, and SeniorCare. Medicaid, BadgerCare, and SeniorCare are essential to the safety and well being of the citizens of Wisconsin to protect our seniors, the poor and those most vulnerable.

In Michigan, Medicaid programs include Medical Assistance, MiChild, Healthy Kids, and WIC.

What information will I need to apply for Medicaid?

Whether applying in Wisconsin or Michigan the agency will need you to provide them with some very specific information so they can determine your eligibility for the program. This includes:

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

Marital Status

Household Members' relationship to the applicant

Residence

Citizenship

Employment

Income

Health Insurance coverage

Where Do I Go to Apply for Medicaid?

Wisconsin residents should contact their Medicaid agency based on which county they live in. Marinette County residents should call 715-732-7700 and will talk to someone in Marinette. Florence County residents should call 715-528-3296 and they will speak to someone in Florence.

Michigan Residents will also contact their local Family Independence Agency (FIA) by county to determine their eligibility and obtain the proper paperwork to complete. Dickinson County residents should call 906-774-1844 and Iron County residents contact their agency at 906-265-9958.

Once you make contact you will receive a Medicaid Application which you will need to fill out and return. You may have someone help you fill out this form. Bring or mail the signed form to your local Medicaid agency.

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