



Minnesota Health Care Programs

Medical Assistance for:

- **Adults and Children who are Blind or have a Disability**
- **People Age 65 or Older**

This information is effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Medical Assistance is often called MA. You will also hear it called Medicaid.

If you qualify, MA will pay for your current and future medical bills. In some cases, MA will also pay medical bills for the three months before you apply.

How can I show that I am age 65 or older?

You can show that you are 65 years old or older with a birth certificate or other birth records.

How can I show that I am blind or have a disability?

You can show that you are certified as blind or disabled if you receive Social Security Disability (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) checks.

If you do not receive SSDI or SSI checks, but believe that you are disabled, your county agency can ask the State Medical Review Team (SMRT) to assess your disability.

Can my disabled child (under age 18) receive MA without counting my income?

Only your child's income is counted. MA does not count the income of the parent(s) if:

- Your child is certified as disabled by either the Social Security Administration or the State Medical Review Team (SMRT) **and**
- Your child would get MA if he or she was in a medical institution **and**
- The home care that your child needs compares to the care given in a medical institution, such as a hospital or nursing home **and**

- The cost that MA would pay for your child's home care is less than the cost for care in a medical institution.

Parents whose income is above certain limits are required to pay a contribution toward their child's MA bills.

How do I apply for MA?

Call, write, or go to the human services agency in the county where you live and ask for a health care program application. You can also print an application from our Web site at www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare.

The day you turn in the completed application helps determine when your MA can begin. You may also give the agency a written statement asking for MA. After that you have 45 days to turn in a complete application.

What are the MA income limits?

If your income is less than the amounts shown below, you may be able to get MA. Your county agency can tell you what is deducted to determine your net income.

MA Income Limits for People Who are Blind, have a Disability, or are Age 65 or older

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Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$ 867
2	1,167
3	1,467
4	1,767
5	2,067

What if my income is more than that?

You may still be able to get MA by meeting a spenddown. A spenddown is like an insurance deductible. You would be responsible for part of your medical bills, and MA will pay the rest. Find your income limit in the next chart. Subtract your income limit from your monthly income. That shows you how much your spenddown could be.

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Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$ 650
2	875
3	1,100
4	1,325
5	1,550

What are the MA Asset Limits?

Assets are what you own, such as cash, savings and non-homestead property. A person living alone may own \$3,000. A married couple or a family of 2 may own \$6,000 in assets, plus \$200 for each additional person.

Some assets that do not count are:

- Your home
- A mobile home used as your primary home
- One motor vehicle under certain conditions
- Burial space items
- A \$1,500 prepaid burial fund for the MA client, spouse, and each MA eligible child.

How can I get more information?

The information above can help you decide if you wish to apply for MA. It does not cover all of the program rules. Your county agency will need all the facts to see if you are eligible. For more information, contact your county human services agency. You can also check the Web site at: www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare.

This information is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling your agency at (651) 431-2670 or (800) 657-3739. TTY users can call through Minnesota Relay at (800) 627-3529. For Speech-to-Speech, call (877) 627-3848. For additional assistance with legal rights and protections for equal access to human services benefits, contact your agency's ADA coordinator.

Attention. If you want free help translating this information, ask your worker or call the number below for your language.

ملاحظة: إذا أردت مساعدة مجانية في ترجمة هذه المعلومات، فاسأل مساعدك في مكتب الخدمة الاجتماعية أو اتصل على الرقم 1-800-358-0377.

កំណត់សំគាល់ បើអ្នកចង់បានជំនួយបកប្រែព័ត៌មាននេះដោយមិនគិតថ្លៃ សូមសួរអ្នកកាន់សំណុំរឿងរបស់អ្នក ឬ ទូរស័ព្ទទៅលេខ 1-888-468-3787 ។

Pažnja. Ako vam je potrebna besplatna pomoć za prevod ove informacije, pitajte vašeg radnika ili nazovite 1-888-234-3785.

Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, nug koj tus neeg lis dej num (worker) lossis hu 1-888-486-8377.

ໂປດຊາບ. ຖ້າຫາກທ່ານຕ້ອງການການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອໃນການແປຂໍ້ຄວາມດັ່ງກ່າວນີ້ຟຣີ, ຈົ່ງຖາມນຳພນັກງານຊ່ວຍວຽກຂອງທ່ານຫຼືໂທຮັບຕາມເລກໂທຮັບ 1-888-487-8251.

Hubaddhu. Yoo akka odeeffannoon kun sii hiikamu gargaarsa tolaa feeta ta'e, hojjataa kee gaafaddhu ykn lakkoofsa kana bilbili 1-888-234-3798.

Внимание: если вам нужна бесплатная помощь в переводе этой информации, обратитесь к своему социальному работнику или позвоните по следующему телефону: 1-888-562-5877.

Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la'aan ah, weydii hawl-wadeenkaaga ama wac lambarkan 1-888-547-8829.

Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, consulte a su trabajador o llame al 1-888-428-3438.

Chú Ý. Nếu quý vị cần dịch thông-tin này miễn phí, xin gọi nhân-viên xã-hội của quý vị hoặc gọi số 1-888-554-8759.