

NEW JERSEY CARE...Special Medicaid Program MEDICALLY NEEDY SEGMENT

- Have you been denied Medicaid in the past because your income or assets were too high?
- Have you lost your Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income payments because you receive Social Security Disability payments?
- Are you 65 years of age or older, but still have high medical bills which are not covered by Medicare?
- Do you have young children who need medical care that you cannot afford?
- Are you pregnant? Unable to afford prenatal care? Are you worried about the hospital cost for your delivery?
- The Medically Needy Program may help you. It provides medical coverage to certain needy individuals who may not be able to afford health care services, and who do not qualify for the regular Medicaid program.

TO QUALIFY FOR SERVICES, you must be

- A pregnant woman
- A needy child (under 21 years of age)
- Aged (65 years of age or older)
- Blind or disabled

AND

Your income must fall at or below certain limits. You may meet the income limit immediately or at a later time after using a special "spend-down" method described on the reverse side. If you are over the asset limit, you cannot be eligible for the Medically Needy Program.

MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME AND ASSET LIMITS

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Maximum Monthly Income	\$367	\$434	\$567	\$659	\$742	\$825
Maximum Current Assets	\$4,000	\$6,000	\$6,100	\$6,200	\$6,300	\$6,400

COUNTED AS MONTHLY INCOME

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Social Security Income -Pensions, annuities -Interest or dividends -Gross wages, tips, commissions
 -Legal settlements -Unemployment compensation -Public or private disability compensation -Veterans' benefits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Payments from trust funds -Alimony or child support -Worker's compensation -Rental income -Inheritances, gifts, prizes <li style="padding-left: 20px;">-The income of your spouse <u>may</u> be counted in your income determination -The income of parent(s) of needy children <u>will</u> be counted |
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COUNTED AS RESOURCES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Money in bank accounts -A car in certain situations* -Property OTHER than that in which you live -Stocks, bonds, or certificates of deposit | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Trust funds or retirement accounts -Some life insurance policies -Some personal effects -Some household goods |
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*a car needed for work or transportation for medical treatment is not counted

IF YOUR MONTHLY INCOME IS TOO HIGH, you may still be able to meet the program's income limit by subtracting certain items that fit your situation. For example:

Families with needy children can subtract

- \$90 of wages for each employed person,
- \$50 of total child support received, and
- the actual cost of child care up to a maximum of:

Parent(s) Employed Full-Time

Parent(s) Employed Part-Time

Child Under Age 2	\$200	\$150
Other Children	\$175	\$135

Aged, blind and disabled persons can subtract the first \$20 of unearned income (such as Social Security or pension income).

You might be able to meet the income limit in another way. The Medically Needy Program uses a unique process called "**spend down**". "**Spend down**" is the process of subtracting certain medical bills and health insurance premiums from your income until it is equal to the monthly income limit you must reach.

For Example:

- You are applying just for yourself; there are no others in your family. According to the chart on the reverse side, your monthly income cannot be more than \$367 and your assets cannot be more than \$4,000.
- Your assets total \$3,100. So far you qualify for the program.
- Your monthly income is determined to be \$417. This is \$50 more than the limit.
- Since eligibility is determined in six-month periods, you will have to "**spend down**" a total of \$300 (\$50/month x 6 months) to be eligible for the program.
- Within the next two months, you have several medical bills. They total more than \$300.
- You show these bills to the county welfare agency where you applied. You will be eligible for the Medically Needy Program.

BASIC PACKAGE OF SERVICES FOR ALL GROUPS

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| - Physician Services | - Home Health Services | - Dental Services |
| - Laboratory and X-ray Services | - Psychological Services | - Eyeglasses |
| - Optometric Services | - Medical Transportation Services | - Audiology Services |
| - Personal Care Assistant Services | - Independent Clinic Services** | (hearing aids) |
| - Prosthetic and Orthotic Devices* | (health centers, family planning | - Outpatient Hospital |
| - Medical Supplies and Equipment | clinics, mental health centers) | Services |
| - Long-Term Care Services | | |

*Such as artificial limbs or orthopedic shoes

**You may obtain rehabilitation services (such as physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy) through a home health agency, independent clinic, or outpatient hospital clinic, and audiology services through an independent clinic or outpatient hospital clinic.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

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| PREGNANT WOMEN: | Inpatient Hospital, Podiatry Services, Medical Day Care Services, Prescribed Drugs, Chiropractic Services |
| NEEDY CHILDREN: | Prescribed Drugs |
| AGED, BLIND OR DISABLED: | Podiatry Services, Medical Day Care Services |

If you think you might be eligible for this Medically Needy Segment or need additional information, contact your county board of social services. Below are the telephone numbers:

COUNTY / TELEPHONE NUMBER

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Atlantic	(609) 348-3001	Mercer	(609) 989-4320
Bergen	(201) 368-4200	Middlesex	(732) 745-3500
Burlington	(609) 261-1000	Monmouth	(732) 431-6000
Camden	(856) 225-8800	Morris	(973) 326-7800
Cape May	(609) 886-6200	Ocean	(732) 349-1500
Cumberland	(856) 691-4600	Passaic	(973) 881-0100
Essex	(973) 733-3000	Salem	(856) 299-7200
Gloucester	(856) 582-9200	Somerset	(908) 526-8800
Hudson	(201) 420-3000	Sussex	(973) 383-3600
Hunterdon	(908) 788-1300	Union	(908) 965-2700
		Warren	(908) 475-6301