

## APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

### Welcome to the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS), Division of Family Assistance (DFA)

To apply for the programs and services we offer, you must fill out this *Application for Assistance*, then have an interview, and give us proof of your household circumstances. Please read all of the information given to you, and answer all of the questions as best as you can. **Do not answer anything that you do not understand.** If you need help in filling out this *Application*, tell us. **You have the right to immediately file your Application as long as it contains the applicant's name and address and the signature of a responsible household member or the household's authorized representative.** However, we will be able to more quickly figure out if you can get benefits if you complete the entire *Application*. If you only want Food Stamp benefits and are completing the full *Application*, please complete every Section except Section I.

*DFA assistance is based on your income. Some DFA programs may also look at the cash value of things that you own, your "assets," when figuring out if you qualify for a program we offer.*

#### Food Stamp (FS) Benefits

The Food Stamp Program helps low-income people buy the food they need for good health. You will need to have an interview with a DHHS worker to see if you are eligible for this program. Your FS benefits are based on the date of application, which is the date your completed application is received by the District Office. If you are a resident of an institution who is jointly applying for SSI and Food Stamp benefits prior to leaving the institution, the filing date of your application is your date of release from the institution. With identification, you may get emergency FS benefits within 7 calendar days if:

- you have less than \$150 in monthly gross income and no more than \$100 in liquid resources;
- you have shelter costs that are higher than your gross income and liquid resources; **or**
- you are a migrant or seasonal farm worker who is destitute as defined in 7 CFR 273.10(e)(3).

#### Social Security Numbers (SSN)

The Federal Privacy Act of 1974 as amended, requires that we tell you the laws that allow us to ask for the SSN of each person requesting assistance, whether you are required to give them to us, and what we will do with them. SSNs are required for the following programs. After each program is the law or regulation that requires us to ask for these SSNs:

- FANE: 42 USC 405(c)(2), 45 CFR 205.52, RSA 167:4-c, & RSA 167:79,iii(h).
- Food Stamps: RSA 167:4-c, Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly Food Stamp Act), as amended, 7 USC 2011-2036, 7 CFR 273.2(b)(4)(i), & 7 CFR 273.6.
- Medical Assistance and other financial assistance: RSA 167:4-c, Section 2651 of PL 98-369, 42 CFR 435.910, 42 CFR 435.920, & 42 USC 1320b-7.

Each person who wants assistance from the above programs must provide an SSN or apply for an SSN at the Social Security Administration (SSA). Members of your household who do not want to apply for benefits do not need to provide an SSN. If you are applying only for some members of your family, such as a parent applying for Medical Assistance just for a child, you only have to give us the child's SSN or apply for an SSN for your child. Your child's eligibility for medical coverage will not be affected if you only give us your child's SSN.

If an SSN is not provided for each person who is applying for the listed programs, your application may be denied or you may get less benefits. If someone wants help getting an SSN, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov). TTY: 1-800-325-0778.

Applicants who only want Child Care do not have to provide an SSN, but if SSNs are provided, it may help shorten the eligibility verification process.

We ask for SSNs so we can verify identity, earned and unearned income, and resource information you give us. It will be shared and verified with:

- federal, state, and local entities;
- offices within DHHS as allowed by federal law;
- employment and unemployment databases;
- the Internal Revenue Service and SSA;
- financial entities; and
- other computer matching programs.

The information will be used:

- to figure out if you are eligible or continue to be eligible for the assistance you requested;
- to figure out the amount of your benefits or errors in your eligibility or benefits; and
- in an investigation of suspected abuse of program law or rules.

It may be disclosed to Federal and State agencies for official examination, and to law enforcement officials for the purpose of apprehending persons fleeing to avoid the law. If a Food Stamp claim arises against your household, the information on this application,

including all SSNs, may be referred to Federal and State agencies, as well as private claims collection agencies, for claims collection action.

We do not give SSNs or any other information regarding non-applicants to the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), or any other agency not directly connected with programs and/or services offered by DHHS.

### Emergency Medicaid for Non-Citizens

Emergency Medicaid may be available to certain non-citizens, regardless of their immigration status, to cover some emergency services, including labor and delivery. **Social Security Numbers are not needed to apply for Emergency Medicaid.**

### Citizenship & Identity

You must declare and prove the citizenship or non-citizenship status of each household member applying for assistance. Non-citizens applying for assistance, except Emergency Medicaid, must provide USCIS documentation of qualified alien status. USCIS documentation will be verified and non-citizen status of applicant household members will be subject to verification through the submission of information from the application to USCIS, and the submitted information received from USCIS may affect eligibility and benefits.

### Third Party Insurance or Medical Payments

If you are applying for Medical Assistance, receipt of such assistance is an assignment to DHHS of your rights to all third party insurance or medical payments without anyone having to sign any other form. All available parties must be billed and all resulting payments must be applied to the cost of medical care before DHHS will pay. Also, if you receive a settlement or an award from a liable third party, you must pay DHHS back for related medical services we paid. RSA 167:14-a

### Benefits Received in Error

You are required to pay back any benefits or services received in error, regardless of whether you made a

mistake in the information you provided, or failed to provide, to us. If you get Food Stamps, you must also pay back any benefits you received in error if we made a mistake in processing your case.

### Financial or Medical Child Support

If you are applying for TANF cash payments, your receipt of such assistance is an assignment to DHHS of your rights to financial child support. Without signing any other form, you give DHHS the right to collect and keep financial child support payments made on behalf of your children who receive assistance. RSA 161-C:22

DHHS collects and keeps the support to partially offset the amount of cash assistance paid to you. If support payments are equal to or more than the amount we give you, your cash assistance case will be closed and the support payments sent to you.

Receipt of Children's Medicaid is an assignment of medical child support rights. This means that you must cooperate with DHHS to establish and enforce medical child support for your children. Medical child support usually means health insurance provided by the absent parent, but can also be an ongoing dollar amount paid by the other parent to allow you to buy health insurance for your children.

If you receive money to purchase medical insurance, this money will be kept by the State if you receive Medicaid for your child and will be used to pay back the state and federal governments. If paternity is not established for any of your children who are getting Medicaid, you must also cooperate with DHHS to legally establish paternity.

The assignment of support rights is a requirement. Your rights and responsibilities and the penalty for refusal without a good reason, will be explained to you when you meet with your District Office worker.

### Begin Date for Medicaid Eligibility

Your Medicaid eligibility generally begins on the day that you meet all the requirements for the program you applied for, including the resource limit.

## AGENCY USE ONLY

This is your record of application and will be filled out by a Department of Health and Human Services worker and returned to you. DFA has received a completed application for \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

District Office

Signature of Worker

## APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE

### A. Please tell us about who you are and where you live.

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Language: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current Place of Residence:  Own home  Nursing Facility  Adult Family Home  Assisted Living  
 Congregate Housing  Homeless  Hospital  Hotel/Motel  Residential Care Facility  Other  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if different)  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Message: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  I do not have an E-Mail address  
 Does anyone in your family have Medicare Part A or B?  Y  N  
 Why do you need our help? \_\_\_\_\_

Information Supplier: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if different from applicant) Name Address Phone #

### B. Please tell us about the people you live with. Start with yourself and list ALL of the people living with you. You do not have to give the Social Security Number or citizenship status of any individual who is not applying for assistance.

Full Legal Name	SSN	DOB	Relation to you	U.S. Citizen?	Student (Yes or No. If Yes, put grade too)	RID (DFA Use Only)
1.			SELF	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
2.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
3.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
4.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
5.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		
6.				<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N		

### C. I want to apply for: (TYPES OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED)

ALL PROGRAMS  Cash  Food Stamps  Child Care  
 Home and Community-Based Care (HCBC)  Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) [QMB/QWDI/SLMB/SLMB135]  
 Nursing Facility (NF) Services - Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Assistance – if you need Medical Assistance for a child, pregnant women, or parent/caretaker relative of a child, you must also complete the insert entitled *Medical Assistance for Children, Pregnant Women, and Parent/Caretaker Relatives Insert*

### D. The following information is collected to be sure that everyone is served fairly without regard to race, color, or national origin. Your answers are voluntary. The information provided will not affect your eligibility or benefit amount.

Are you Hispanic or Latino?  Yes  No  
 Are you: White?  Y  N Asian?  Y  N Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander?  Y  N  
 Black or African American?  Y  N American Indian or Alaskan Native?  Y  N

AGENCY USE ONLY:						
RFA#	Case #			Forms Given:	725	177
Cash _____	OPEN	CLOSE	DENY	DATE: _____	DO: _____	
Food Stamps _____	OPEN	CLOSE	DENY	DATE: _____	DO: _____	
MA _____	OPEN	CLOSE	DENY	DATE: _____	DO: _____	
CM/MCPW _____	OPEN	CLOSE	DENY	DATE: _____	DO: _____	
Child Care _____	OPEN	CLOSE	DENY	DATE: _____	DO: _____	
EBT Card Status:	None	Active	Deactivated	Cancelled		

**PLEASE SIGN YOUR APPLICATION ON THE BACK!**

**E. Please tell us about all income for everyone in your home.**

Your Wages: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Weekly  Bi-Weekly  Monthly  
 Other Wages: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Weekly  Bi-Weekly  Monthly  
 Other Wages: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Weekly  Bi-Weekly  Monthly  
 Has anyone recently lost a job?  Yes  No  
 If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 SSA/SSDI: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spousal Support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 SSI: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Unemployment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 VA: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Child Support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pension: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Your Expenses:**

Rent (monthly): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mortgage (monthly): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lot Rent/Condo Fee (monthly): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Taxes (yearly): \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dependent Care: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical Expenses: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cost of doing business: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Have you gotten more than \$20 in fuel assistance in this or the past 12 months?  
 Yes  No

Do you pay for the following utilities separate from your rent or mortgage?

Heat:  Yes  No  
 Phone:  Yes  No  
 Electric:  Yes  No  
 Other:  Yes  No

**F. Please tell us about all assets for everyone in your home.**

Checking/Savings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Chk/Save: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stocks/Bonds/CD's: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ IRA: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your or Your Spouse's Annuity: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other Assets: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trusts: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Life Insurance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle (Yr/Mdl): \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle (Yr/Mdl): \_\_\_\_\_

**H. Please answer all questions.**

- Are you a migrant or seasonal farm worker?  Yes  No
- Have you or anyone in your household received Food Stamp assistance for this month?  Yes  No
- Are you currently living in a shelter for battered individuals?  Yes  No
- Is anyone in your household blind or disabled?  Yes  No
- Have you sold or transferred property in the last 5 years?  Yes  No
- Is anyone in your household currently receiving assistance from another State?  
 If yes, which State? \_\_\_\_\_ What kind of assistance? \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

**I. Do you only want Food Stamps? If so, you can skip to Section J now. If you want cash, medical or child care help, please answer all questions in this Section before proceeding to Section J.**

- Is anyone in your household pregnant or has anyone given birth in the last 3 months?  Yes  No
- Do you have any unpaid medical bills from the past 3 months that you would like help paying?  Yes  No
- If you are applying for Financial Assistance to Needy Families (FANF), is the father's name blank or "not stated" on the birth certificate for any of your children?  Yes  No
- If applying for FANF, how many absent parents? \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you or any other household member have health insurance other than Medicaid?  
 If yes, name of Insurer? \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

**J. Signatures**

I CERTIFY, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT I HAVE REVIEWED THIS INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION, INCLUDING ANY INFORMATION INDICATED ON THE INSERT; IT IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INCLUDING THE INFORMATION CONCERNING CITIZENSHIP AND ALIEN STATUS OF THE MEMBERS APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE. I UNDERSTAND A FULL FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY INTERVIEW MAY NEED TO BE CONDUCTED BEFORE MY ELIGIBILITY CAN BE DETERMINED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant Signature Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Person Helping the Applicant Date Relationship to Applicant

I withdraw my application for:  Cash  Medical Assistance  Food Stamps  Child Care  HCBC/NF  MSP

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature Date

I certify that I have given the above individual(s) the opportunity to review this application. I also certify that I have provided a copy of this form, if one was requested.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name & Signature Title/Agency Date

## APPLICATION: YOUR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### Time Limits

You can only receive Financial Assistance to Needy Families for 60-months in your lifetime. Months you received this assistance while you were a child do not count towards the lifetime limit. Your time limit begins when you receive benefits as an adult. **There is no time limit on State Supplement Programs, Medical Assistance, Food Stamp benefits, or child care assistance.**

### Administrative Appeal

You or someone representing you may request an Administrative Appeal if you are not satisfied with any decision regarding eligibility made by DHHS. You may be represented by an attorney, yourself, or another person, such as a relative or friend, at an Administrative Appeal. DHHS will not pay for the cost of any legal services, but there are free and reduced cost legal services available in NH. An Administrative Appeal may be requested either verbally or in writing by contacting a District Office or DHHS, 105 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301-6521. Telephone (603) 271-4292 or 1-800-852-3345 ext 4292; TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 or 711.

### Quality Control

Your case may be selected for a quality control or other governmental review. Such a review entails an in-depth investigation into your household's financial or medical situation, living arrangements and other circumstances. We may be contacting banks, employers, companies, merchants, child care providers, and other appropriate sources, concerning your household and statements you made to DHHS. **Failure to cooperate in these reviews could result in the loss of your benefits.**

### Reporting Changes

You will be required to periodically complete a review of your circumstances. Your cash, child care, and Food Stamp case could be closed, and/or your eligibility for Medical Assistance may be affected, if you do not completely fill out the form and return it by the due date and participate in a personal interview, if required.

If you only get Food Stamp benefits and you have a 4, 5, or 6-month eligibility period, you only need to report those changes in household circumstances that would place your household's income above 130% of the poverty level.

If you receive cash, child care, Medical Assistance, or if your Food Stamp eligibility period is not 4, 5, or 6 months, then you must notify the Department within 10 calendar days after the change happens for changes in factors that affect eligibility, such as:

- source of income;
- hours worked by a household member;

- amount of income of any member in your household;
- all household changes, such as marriage, divorce, new baby, child leaves, etc.;
- child care provider;
- resources (e.g., cash, stocks, bonds, or money in a bank or savings account);
- receipt of any lump sum payment or settlement;
- residence, or shelter costs; or
- dependent care costs, child support payments or medical deductions, or other changes that may affect the amount of your household's benefits.

### Protection of Medical Assistance for Social Security Beneficiaries

If you are receiving cash assistance under the OAA, ANB, or APTD program, and a Social Security cost-of-living increase or this increase combined with an increase in other income makes you ineligible for financial assistance, you may still be entitled to Medical Assistance under the Pickle Amendment policy.

Once you begin receiving Medical Assistance under the Pickle Amendment, future Social Security cost-of-living increases will not affect your eligibility. However, other changes in your circumstances can still make you ineligible for Medical Assistance.

If you are eligible to receive money payments under one of the above programs, but choose not to receive a payment, you will **NOT** be entitled to this protection of your Medical Assistance under the Pickle Amendment.

### Notice to Immigrant Families

If you get help with health care or Food Stamps, it will not affect your immigration status. If you or members of your family used or received Medicaid or Food Stamps, it will not affect your or your family members' ability to become U.S. citizens.

However, if you get cash assistance such as TANF or help with the cost of nursing home care, it might create problems with becoming a U.S. citizen, especially if the benefits are your family's only income. Before you apply, you may want to talk with an agency that helps immigrants with legal questions or contact the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

## ATTENTION!

Anything you tell or give to us will be verified:

- at the federal, state and local levels; and also
- through collateral contacts and/or computer matching with other electronic verification tools such as, but not limited to, USCIS, IEVS, Vital Records, SSA, financial institutions, & employment databases.

We do this to confirm your eligibility for our programs and determine your benefits. If any information we get from using these sources doesn't match the information you provided to us, you may be denied assistance, your benefits may change, and you may be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing false information. Any member of your household who breaks any of these rules on purpose can be prohibited from participating in the cash assistance, child care assistance, and Food Stamp programs for periods ranging from one year to permanently. In the Food Stamp Program, you can also be fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years, or both, and will be subject to prosecution under the applicable state and federal laws for violations of the Food Stamp Act. If you are convicted, the court may also bar you from participating in the program for another 18 months, in addition to the sentence you receive.

### DO NOT

- **Do not** give false information or hide information to get or continue to get benefits.
- **Do not** trade or sell Food Stamp (FS) benefits to anyone who is not authorized to use them for your household.
- **Do not** use FS benefits to buy ineligible items.
- **Do not** use any benefits your household was not entitled to receive.
- **Do not** give your EBT Card PIN out to anyone.
- **Do not** use child care services paid for by DHHS, for employment-related activities not approved by DHHS.
- **Do not** use your EBT card or cash from your EBT card at stores in which more than 50% of visible inventory is alcohol, or that primarily engage in body piercing, branding, or tattooing, gaming establishments, cigar, pipe, smoke, or tobacco stores/stands/shops, most marijuana dispensaries, or businesses in which more than 50% of visible inventory being sold or rented is adult-oriented entertainment.
- **Do not** try to buy food with your FS benefits unless you have your EBT card with you at the time you buy the food. You may not buy food on 1 day and pay for it with your EBT FS benefits on another day.

### Identity & Residence

An individual who DHHS has determined has made or is convicted of having made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to the identity or place of residence in order to receive multiple benefits at the same time will be ineligible for financial assistance and Food Stamp benefits for 10 years.

### Trafficking Food Stamp (FS) Benefits

Any person who is found guilty in a court of law:

- Of trading of a controlled substance in exchange for FS benefits, will be prohibited from participating in the FS Program for 24 months for the 1st offense and permanently for the 2nd offense.
- For the trading of ammunition, firearms, or explosives in exchange for FS benefits, or of any trafficking in FS

benefits of more than \$500, will become permanently ineligible for FS benefits.

- For buying or selling FS benefits will be suspended from the FS Program for 1 year for the 1<sup>st</sup> offense, 2 years for the 2<sup>nd</sup> offense, and permanently for the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Medical Assistance Fraud

Section 1128B of the Social Security Act provides federal penalties for fraudulent acts and false reporting in connection with your application for or receipt of Medical Assistance benefits.

A person may be prosecuted in Federal Court for deliberate statements that are known to be false and which affect eligibility for any benefit or payment under the Medical Assistance program.

A person may also be prosecuted for concealing or failing to disclose any event that affects their right to any benefit or payment, or its conversion to a use other than intended. The law also provides a penalty for a kickback, bribe, or rebate in connection with the furnishing of Medical Assistance.

Conviction of an offense could result in loss of Medical Assistance benefits for a period not to exceed 1 year. Penalties are fines up to \$25,000 or imprisonment for not more than 5 years, or both.

### Intentional False Statements/Program Violations (IPV)

Any person who intentionally makes a false statement or misrepresents his or her circumstances or intentionally fails to disclose the receipt of property, wages, income or resources or any change in circumstances that would affect his or her initial or continued eligibility for assistance may be found guilty of violating state law. The penalties are: a class A felony where the value of the monetary award or goods or services exceeds \$1,000; a class B felony where the value exceeds \$100; and a misdemeanor where the value does not exceed \$100. RSA 167:17-b and 17-c.

**Anyone who commits an intentional program violation (IPV) in the Food Stamp Program cannot get these benefits for 12 months for the 1<sup>st</sup> violation, 24 months for the 2<sup>nd</sup> violation, and permanently for a 3<sup>rd</sup> IPV.**

**APPLICATION SUMMARY: STATEMENTS OF UNDERSTANDING**

**INITIALS**

**All Programs**

I **certify** that I have read "Your Rights and Responsibilities," and I understand them. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that DHHS will keep my eligibility and case information confidential and only persons involved in administering DHHS' programs or as otherwise permitted by Federal regulations or State law will review it. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that despite other rules of confidentiality, names of children in Food Stamp and/or FANF households are required to be released to schools so that they may be determined automatically eligible for Free School Meals. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that I must provide proof of: my household situation, what I have written on the application, and what I have told DHHS. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that the information I have provided will be verified by collateral contacts and/or Federal, State, and local officials and that if any information is found to be incorrect or false, or if I have deliberately withheld information related to my receipt of assistance, now or in the future, I may lose my benefits and may be prosecuted for fraud. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that my signature below and/or on the application authorizes DHHS to obtain verification that I or anyone in my assistance group (AG) meet the eligibility requirements for assistance, and authorizes release of such information to DHHS. My authorization to release information to DHHS remains in effect for as long as I or anyone in my AG receives any kind of DHHS assistance. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that my signature below **and/or** on the application permits DHHS and any contracted third party entity to verify my income, identity, and assets, and the income, identity, and assets of any other person whose income, identity, and assets are required to determine eligibility for the assistance I am requesting. Failure to give permission to conduct these verifications or revoking permission to conduct these verifications will result in denial or termination of assistance. \_\_\_\_\_

**Cash & Food Stamp (FS) Programs**

I **certify** that if I applied for FANF, the Domestic Violence Option has been explained to me, and I understand it. \_\_\_\_\_

I **certify** that if I applied for FANF, I got written information about the treatment of lump sum income. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that my receipt of TANF cash assistance is an assignment to DHHS of each recipient's rights to child and spousal support. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that if I get cash assistance from DHHS, the cash I get could cause my FS benefits to end or be reduced. I also understand that if this happens, I will not get advance notice of this change. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that to get a cash payment from any DFA program, I must be eligible to get that cash every day of the entire payment period. If I am not eligible for cash at any time during that payment period, I understand that a cash payment will not be issued to me. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that in NH, if anyone in my household is fleeing to avoid prosecution of a felony crime, or is violating conditions of probation or parole, that person will be ineligible to get cash or FS benefits until that individual has satisfied his/her legal obligations with respect to the felony crime or probation or parole violations. My signature below is my sworn statement that no one in my household at this time is fleeing felony prosecution or violating conditions of probation or parole. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that the use of my Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card for FS or cash benefits is controlled by my 4-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN), that I am responsible for the security of my EBT card and PIN, and that EBT benefits will not be replaced if someone else uses my card after I have activated it. \_\_\_\_\_

I **understand** that my EBT card or cash from my EBT card cannot be used at stores in which more than 50% of visible inventory is alcohol, or that primarily engage in body piercing, branding, or tattooing, gaming establishments, or cigar, pipe, smoke, or tobacco stores/stands/shops, most marijuana dispensaries, or businesses in which more than 50% of visible inventory being sold or rented is material considered adult-oriented entertainment per RSA 650:1,III, and that if I use my EBT card or cash from my EBT card at one of these places, I will be sanctioned with a cash penalty, per RSA 167:7-b and He-W PART 608. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE INITIAL AND SIGN THE BACK!**

**Cash & Food Stamp (FS) Programs Con't**

**INITIALS**

I understand that if I do not use my FS benefits on my EBT card for 365 days in a row, I will lose those benefits and not get them back. If I do not use my cash benefits for 90 days in a row, I will lose those benefits and not get them back. I understand that I will be disqualified from the FS Program and may be prosecuted if I use my EBT card for illegal purposes. These illegal activities include selling my card and my PIN for cash, drugs, or other items, or exchanging FS benefits for cash at a retailer.

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that for FS benefits, to get a deduction for child care expenses, rent or mortgage payments, utility or other shelter expenses, child support paid to a non-household member, or medical expenses (only for the elderly or disabled), I must tell DHHS about these expenses and then provide proof of them. Failure to report or verify any of the above listed expenses, or of receipt of fuel assistance, could mean that I will get less FS benefits each month, and will be seen as my statement that my household does not want to get a deduction for the unreported or unverified expense.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Assistance**

I understand that my receipt of medical assistance is an assignment to DHHS of my rights to all third party medical insurance or payments, including medical child support.

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my receipt of medical assistance means DHHS must be able to obtain medical records from medical providers. My signature below and/or on the application authorizes my family's medical providers to release any records to DHHS.

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that, if I am in a nursing home, DHHS must be able to exchange eligibility information with the nursing home to best administer the program. My signature below and/or on the application authorizes that exchange and remains in effect for as long as I receive DHHS assistance for my nursing home care.

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that for long-term care services (Nursing Facility or Home and Community-Based Care), I am required to disclose to DHHS any interest that my spouse or I have in any annuity.

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that if either my spouse or I are requesting long-term care services, any annuity purchased or modified by my spouse or me on or after February 8, 2006 will be considered a transfer of assets for less than fair market value unless the State is named the beneficiary for at least the amount of Medicaid paid for long-term care services.

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that my receipt of medical assistance under the NH Health Protection Program requires me to contact NH Employment Security for the purpose of finding employment if I am unemployed.

\_\_\_\_\_

**NH Child Care Scholarship**

I understand that I must only use child care services paid for by DHHS for those employment-related activities approved by DHHS. I may have to reimburse DHHS for those payments made for times I was involved in other, non-approved activities.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures**

I certify, under penalty of unsworn falsification pursuant to RSA 641:3, that I have reviewed the above information and the information summarizing my interview, and it is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Person Helping the Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Relationship to Applicant

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You may also write Ombudsman, NH DHHS, 129 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301-3857 or call (603) 271-6941 or 1-800-852-3345 ext 6941. TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964 or 711.

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También puede usted escribir a Ombudsman, NH DHHS, 129 Pleasant St., Concord, NH 03301-3857 ó llamar al (603) 271-6941 ó 1-800-852-3345 ext 6941. Acceso TDD: Retransmisión NH 1-800-735-2964 ó 711.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

When you are struggling to make ends meet, it is hard to remember that you are not alone. There are many groups and services that can help you – a whole village of them! The programs listed here may be helpful to your family. We've listed contact information for most of them, but if you need help finding one of the programs, or if you have any questions, call 1-844-275-3447 (1-844-ASK-DHHS).

## MEDICAL

**NH Medication Bridge Program** - Helps people get needed medications.

603-415-4297

<http://www.healthynh.com/medication-bridge.html>

**HAVEN** – Services for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

1-603-994-SAFE (7233) [24-hour confidential hotline]

[www.havennh.org/](http://www.havennh.org/)

## HOUSING

**NH Housing Finance Authority Assisted Housing Division** - Helping families find affordable housing in NH.

800-439-7247 TDD Line for the Hearing Impaired: (603) 472-2089

[www.nhhfa.org/](http://www.nhhfa.org/)

**Homeless Outreach Intervention**

800-852-3345 ext 9196 TDD Access Relay (800) 735-2964

[www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bhhs/homelessness.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bhhs/homelessness.htm)

**NH Office of Energy & Planning** – Helps struggling families pay for heat.

603-271-8317 or (603) 271-2685

<http://www.nh.gov/oep/energy/programs/fuel-assistance/index.htm>

## LEGAL AID

**NH Legal Assistance** – Offers low- or no-cost legal help to low-income families and seniors.

[www.nhla.org/](http://www.nhla.org/)

Berlin

800-698-8969

Portsmouth

800-334-3135

Concord

800-921-1115

Manchester

800-562-3174

Claremont

800-562-3994

## EMPLOYMENT

**NH Employment Security** – Helping people find work and file for benefits.

800-266-2252 TDD Access: Relay NH 1-800-735-2964

[www.nh.gov/nhes/](http://www.nh.gov/nhes/)

## FAMILY

**2-1-1 NH** – Connects people for free to services available in their community.  
In state, dial toll-free **2-1-1** or 866-444-4211 **TTY Number:** 603-634-3388  
[www.211nh.org/](http://www.211nh.org/)

**Al-Anon / Alateen**  
603-369-6930  
[www.nhal-anon.org](http://www.nhal-anon.org)

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
800-593-3330  
[www.nhaa.net/](http://www.nhaa.net/)

**Child and Family Services** – Provides help for families and children.  
800-640-6486  
[www.cfsnh.org/](http://www.cfsnh.org/)

**Child Care Aware of NH** – Educates and supports families about child care.  
855-393-1731 Ext. 31  
<http://nh.childcareaware.org/>

**Consumer Credit Counseling Services** – Helps families manage money, pay bills, and save.  
800-550-1961  
<http://www.greenpath.com/cccs-of-new-hampshire-and-vermont.htm>

**Domestic Violence Hotline** – Serving victims of domestic violence.  
866-644-3574  
[http://www.nhcadv.org/crisis\\_centers.cfm](http://www.nhcadv.org/crisis_centers.cfm)

**Food Pantries** – Provides food to needy families.  
603-669-9725  
<http://www.nhfoodbank.org/Agency-Listings.aspx>

**Meals On Wheels** – Delivers meals to homebound individuals.  
<http://mealcall.org/us/>

**NH Community Loan Fund** – Helps low-income families save for a home, college, or to start a business.  
<http://www.communityloanfund.org/>

**NH State Veterans Council** – Helps veterans and dependents get benefits.  
800-622-9230 **TDD Access:** Relay NH 1-800-735-2964  
[www.nh.gov/nhveterans/](http://www.nh.gov/nhveterans/)

**Pet Neutering Referrals** – Helps low-income pet owners with the costs of spaying or neutering their pet.  
(603) 271-3697

**Relay Services for the Hearing Impaired**  
800-735-2964 or 711

**Service Link** – Help for elders, adults with disabilities, and their families.  
866-634-9412  
[www.servicelink.nh.gov/index.htm](http://www.servicelink.nh.gov/index.htm)

**Social Security Administration (SSA)** Provides benefits to disabled, retired, and surviving family members.  
800-772-1213 TTY: 800-325-0778  
[www.ssa.gov/](http://www.ssa.gov/)

**Women, Infants & Children (WIC)** – Provides education and food to pregnant women, mothers, & children.  
800-942-4321 **TDD Access Relay** (800) 735-2964  
[www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/nhp/wic/index.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/nhp/wic/index.htm)