**NEW HAMPSHIRE BUREAU OF FAMILY ASSISTANCE (BFA) PROGRAM FACT SHEET**

This fact sheet gives basic information about eligibility, income, and resource requirements for each of the following programs: Financial Assistance to Needy Families, the State Supplement Programs which include Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Permanently & Totally Disabled, and Aid to the Needy Blind, Medicaid (Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) and non-MAGI categories), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Nursing Facility Care, Child Support Services, NH Child Care Scholarship, Children’s Medicaid, Pregnant Women Medical Assistance, Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Specified Low Income Beneficiaries, Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities, Parent/Caretaker Relatives medical assistance, NH Health Protection Program, and Family Planning medical assistance.

By policy, different types of income and resources are either counted or not counted to determine eligibility. This varies from program to program. In addition, there are amounts that can be subtracted from income. These also vary by program and are shown below as "disregards and deductions." Examples of income are wages, rental income, and most benefit income including Social Security and SSI. Examples of resources are cash on hand, bank accounts, stocks/bonds, and unoccupied real property. Applicants must verify income, resources, disregards and deductions, identification, citizenship or alien status, social security numbers, residency, and all other eligibility factors required by the specific programs of assistance.

If you think a family or individual may be eligible for one of our programs, please have them visit www.nh.gov/dfa/apply.htm, or contact the DHHS District Office nearest you for more details.

### PROGRAM TITLE

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES (FANF)**

**STATE SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (SSP)**

- OAA, APTD, ANB

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MEDICAID)**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)**

**NURSING FACILITY CARE (NF)**

### DESCRIPTION

Financial Assistance to Needy Families offers financial assistance to eligible families with dependent children and certain relatives who need help caring for related children. Most able-bodied adults receiving financial assistance are expected to meet work participation requirements.

One or both parents in the family must be disabled, deceased, or absent from the home.

### INCOME LIMITS

#### MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS

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Applicants in Group Living Arrangements have higher income limits.

### RESOURCE LIMITS

$1,000 for applicants, and $2,000 for recipients.

### DISREGARDS & DEDUCTIONS

- 20% of earned income for applicants
- Child/Dependent Care Costs
- Court-Ordered Child/Spousal Support
- Self-Employment Expenses

$13 standard disregard

For working individuals:
- up to $50 (APTD or OAA) or $85 (ANB), and
- $18 or actual employment expenses (APTD or OAA) or is of remaining earned income (ANB)

### OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Receipt of FANF cash benefits is limited to 80 months over a lifetime. In most cases, parents must cooperate with Child Support Services in establishing paternity, if unknown, and establishing medical and financial child support. Some parents may also have to assign all rights to child support to DHHS while receiving financial assistance.

Cash applicants must apply for SSI, and must agree to a lien on all real estate owned by the assistance group. If living together, a spouse’s income, resources, and needs are considered when determining eligibility.

SSI is not counted as income.

In most cases, Medicaid applicants and recipients must cooperate with the Bureau of Child Support Services to obtain and enforce legal orders for medical support and to establish paternity for all children if unknown.

Parents and children under age 22 living together are considered one household. Exceptions may be made if parents are over 60, disabled and receiving SSA/SSI, and for children aged 22 and older who purchase and prepare meals separately from their parents.

With determining cost of care:
- $70 Personal Needs Allowance ($90 VA)
- Allocation to dependents
- Uncovered Medical expenses

The nursing facility must be licensed and certified by the State of NH. If appropriate, the individual must apply for VA Aid and Attendance allowance benefits.

The Medicaid program can cover the cost of nursing facility care for individuals who are unable to afford the cost. To receive payments for nursing facility care, an individual must:
- meet the general, technical, categorical, and financial requirements of a Medicaid program; and
- have medical needs that require nursing facility care.

Certain individuals meeting these requirements may be eligible to receive community-based services under one of several Home and Community-Based Care waivers instead of entering a nursing facility.
The Bureau of Child Support Services (BCSS) locates responsible parents, establishes paternity, establishes child and medical support orders, reviews orders for possible adjustment per NH Guidelines, and enforces legal support orders. These services are provided regardless of whether the responsible parent lives in NH or in another state or country.

BCSS collects, tracks, and disburses support payments. Methods to collect child and medical support include interception of tax refund checks, mandatory income withholding, interception of NH lottery prizes, interception of Unemployment Compensation and lenses against real or personal property. BCSS can report non-compliant obligors to a credit bureau, and can request that a licensing board or agency suspend, revoke, or deny an obligor’s license if the obligor is not in compliance with a legal order for support. Passports may also be denied.

In addition, BCSS provides services to families that are not receiving public assistance. BCSS will charge a $35.00 annual fee to obligors who have not received public assistance, after the first $550.00 in support has been collected beginning October 1st of each year.

**NH Child Care Scholarship**

Pre-K scholarships help pay for child care needed for training, education, or employment. Costs are reimbursed up to established maximums that differ based on the level of service, the age of the child, and the type of care provided. A payment differential is available to providers who care for children with significant special needs.

**Weekly Standard Rates For Full-Time Care**

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**Licensed Family Child Care**

Birth – 17 months: $170.00
36 – 78 months: $175.00
79 – 155 months: $141.40

**License-Exempt Center**

Birth – 35 months: $30
36 – 71 months: $0
72 – 78 months: $98.59
79 – 155 months: $70.70

**Family Planning/Child Support**

Limited coverage for non-pregnant adults who are not already a Medicaid recipient and whose income is no higher than 196% FPL

**Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD)**

Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) provides medical coverage to disabled working adults. MEAD has higher income and resource limits than other Medicaid programs and allows eligible recipients to return to work or increase their earnings. Some individuals who are eligible for MEAD may be required to pay a health insurance premium.

**To be eligible for MEAD, an individual must:**

- be 18 through 64 years old;
- be employed or self employed for pay;
- contribute to FICA;
- meet federal income and resource criteria noted below;
- meet ANS or APTD medical criteria;
- have a documented medical impairment that is included in the Social Security Administration’s Listing of Impairments and that is expected to last 48 months or longer;
- enroll in cost-free health insurance if their employer offers it.

**Disregards & Deductions**

- Court-Ordered Spousal Support
- Wage Garnishments
- Impairment Related Work Expenses

**Medicaid only applicants/recipients and certain recipients of Financial Assistance to Needy Families must cooperate with BCSS as a condition of eligibility.**

An individual does not have to get cash assistance to get NH Child Care Scholarship. Child care must be necessary and if the parents can go to job training, look for a job or go to school or work. All families are expected to help with the cost share when receiving the scholarship.

Once eligible, pregnant women receive coverage through the 60th day post partum regardless of income. Children born to mothers receiving medical coverage at the time of birth are automatically eligible for up to one year.

An applicant must also meet the general nonfinancial requirements/conditions of eligibility for Medicaid, such as filing an application, obtaining a Social Security number, etc.

SSI is not counted as income.