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

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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 Caregivers Beneficiaries, Specified Low Income Beneficiaries, Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities, Parent/Caretaker Relates 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 uncoupled real property. Applicants must verify income, resources, disregards and deductions, identity, 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.nheasy.nh.gov](http://www.nheasy.nh.gov) or [www.dhhs.nh.gov/fsa/apply.htm](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/fsa/apply.htm), or contact the DHHS District Office nearest them for more details.

### PROGRAM TITLE

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

**STATE SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM (SSP)**

**OAA, APTD, ANB**

**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MEDICAID)**

**SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)**

**NURSING FACILITY CARE (NF)**

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**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.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The State Supplement program provides financial assistance and/or medical assistance to needy individuals who meet the definition of one of the following categories: 1. Old Age Assistance (OAA) - 65 years of age or older, or 2. Aid to the Permanently & Totally Disabled (APTD) - physically or mentally disabled and between the ages of 18 & 64, or 3. Aid to Needy Blind (ANB) - blind (no age limit)

Eligibility depends on income, resources and living arrangement.

The Medicaid program pays for certain health care costs (doctor and hospital bills, prescriptions, dental care for children, etc.) for individuals who meet the technical and categorical requirements of the program. Certain Medicaid programs have eligibility determining using modified adjusted gross income (MAGI), which uses IRS-defined concepts of income and household. The MAGI groups are explained on the back of this page. Medicaid is also offered to the elderly, disabled, and individuals requiring long-term care (LTC) assistance. These are the non-MAGI groups, although MAGI categories may also receive LTC assistance. If an individual meets all program requirements except is over the income limit, partial coverage can be provided under the In & Out program.

### MONTHLY INCOME LIMITS

**Group Size** | **Max Net Income**<sup>*</sup> | **Group Size** | **Net Income Limit**
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1 | $624 | 1 | $785
2 | $845 | 2 | $1,158
3 | $1,066 | 3 | $1,531
4 | $1,287 | 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 $10 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.

The Medicaid program can cover the cost of nursing 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 Services waivers instead of entering a nursing facility.

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (MEDICAID)

- Shelter
- Child/Dependent Care
- Utilities
- Paid Child Support
- Self-Employment Expenses
- Medical for seniors and disabled
- Standard household deduction

When 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.

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<sup>*</sup> Non-MAGI groups only:
- One person: $2,500
- Two persons: $4,000
- Three or more: $4,000 plus $100 for each additional person in the assistance group above two

Households in which at least one member is disabled or age 60 or older: $3,500

All other households: $2,250

The resource limit for nursing facility care is $2,500.
NH Child Care Scholarship helps 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**
- **Birth – 17 months:** $222.50
- **18 – 35 months:** $210.00
- **36 – 78 months:** $186.00
- **79 – 155 months:** $141.40

**Licensed Family Child Care**
- **Birth – 17 months:** $172.00
- **18 – 35 months:** $167.50
- **36 – 78 months:** $152.50
- **79 – 155 months:** $78.22

**License-Exempt Center**
- **Birth – 35 months:** $0
- **36 – 71 months:** $0
- **72 – 78 months:** $92.50
- **79 – 155 months:** $70.70

**License-Exempt Family**
- **Birth – 17 months:** $120.75
- **18 – 35 months:** $117.25
- **36 – 78 months:** $106.75
- **79 – 155 months:** $54.75

**NH Child Care Scholarship Income Limits**
- **None**
- **1 person:** $29,254
- **2 or more persons:** $34,232

**RESOURCE LIMITS**
- **None:** $1,000,000

**Disregards & Deductions**
- **N/A**
- **Court-Ordered Spousal Support**
- **Wage Garnishments**
- **FICA ANB/AOAO deduction**
- **Impairment Related Work Expenses**
- **$65 of earned income**
- **½ of remaining earned income**
- **$20 standard deduction**

**Other Eligibility Criteria**
- 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 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 week of pregnancy. Pregnant women who have never received public assistance have a 5% MAGI. Those who exceed the program’s income limit are expected to help with the cost share when receiving the scholarship.

**Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities**
- **50%**
- **An individual must:**
  - be 18 through 64 years old;
  - be employed or self employed for pay;
  - contribute to FICA;
  - have MAGI income and resource criteria noted below;
  - meet ANB 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.

Individuals and couples with income less than 150% of the federal poverty level are not required to pay a premium. Premiums are reduced by the cost of other health insurance.