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 Program (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, including Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries and Specified Low Income Beneficiaries), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Nursing Facility Care, Child Support Services, and NH Child Support Scholarship.

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, 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.rh.easy.nh.gov or www.dhhs.nh.gov/bfa/apply.htm, or contact the nearest DHHS District Office for more details.

### INCOME LIMITS

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<td>Financial Assistance to Needy Families (FANF)</td>
<td>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 &amp; Totally Disabled (APTD) - physically or mentally disabled and between the ages of 18 &amp; 64, or 3. Aid to Needy Blind (ANB) - blind (no age limit)</td>
<td>Eligibility depends on income, resources, and living arrangement.</td>
<td>$1,000 for applicants, and $2,000 for recipients.</td>
<td>Receipt of FANF cash benefits is limited to 60 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.</td>
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<td>Medicaid (MAGI and non-MAGI categories)</td>
<td>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 determined 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 &amp; Out program.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program</td>
<td>The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program provides assistance to eligible families to purchase food items essential for good health. Eligibility for SNAP depends on the household’s income, resources, and expenses. Most households must meet gross and net income limits. Households with all members who are elderly or disabled need only meet the net income test. Households with a member who is elderly and disabled have higher gross income limits. If all members of the household receive SSI, PANF and/or SSI, there are no income limits. Some recipients must look for and keep a job. Able-bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) must also meet special ABAWD work requirements.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td>Nursing Facility Care</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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### 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 1/3 of remaining earned income (ANB)
- Deductions may apply for the Non-MAGI Medical Assistance programs.
  - Shelter
  - Child/Dependent Care
  - Utilities
  - Paid Child Support
  - Self-Employment Expenses
  - Medical for seniors and disabled
  - Standard household deduction
- When determining cost of care:
  - $74 Personal Needs Allowance ($90 VA)
  - Allocation to dependents
  - Uncovered Medical expenses

### OTHER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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- 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/SII, and for children aged 22 and older who purchase and prepare meals separately from their parents.
- The nursing facility must be licensed and certified by the State of NH.
### Program Title
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 also report non-compliant obligors to a credit bureau, and can request that a licensing board or agency revoke, or deny an obligor’s license if he or she 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 mandatory income withholding, liens against personal property. BCSS can also intercept of NH lottery prizes, Garnishment of pay, and the type of care provided. A payment differential is available to providers who care for children with significant special needs.

### Monthly Standard Rates For Full-Time Care

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<th>Size</th>
<th>Monthly Gross Income Limits (Step 6) ≤ 220% FPG</th>
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<td>Birth – 17 months: $250.00</td>
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<td>$670</td>
<td>$1,507</td>
<td>$2,220</td>
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<td>18 – 35 months: $228.70</td>
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<td>$816</td>
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<td>$2,991</td>
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<td>36 – 78 months: $197.18</td>
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<td>$965</td>
<td>$2,576</td>
<td>$3,762</td>
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<td>Birth – 78 months: $141.40</td>
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<td>$1,108</td>
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### Family Planning Medical Assistance (FP)

- Adults must be at least 18 but younger than age 65 and whose income is no higher than 133% FPG. Women cannot be pregnant, and the adult cannot be entitled to or enrolled in Part A of a BCSS medical assistance or otherwise eligible for or enrolled in any mandatory Medicaid coverage.

### Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) and Medicaid for Employed Older Adults (MOAD)

- Individuals with income below 120% and 135% FPG may be eligible for payment of the Medicaid Part B premiums and may also be eligible for other programs, including Medicaid.

- Individuals with income between 120% and 135% FPG may be eligible for payment of the Medicaid Part B premium, but cannot also be eligible for other Medicaid programs in the same month.

### Medicaid Employment Assistance (MA)

- MEAD and MOAD individuals must:
  - be employed or self-employed for pay;
  - contribute to FICA;
  - meet MEAD and MOAD income and resources 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 that is expected to last 48 months or longer; and
  - enroll in cost-free health insurance if their employer offers it.

### Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) and Medicaid for Employed Older Adults with Disabilities (MOAD)

- Medicaid for MOAD individuals:
  - Medicare Part B but with higher incomes may be eligible for payment of all or part of their monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

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

- Certain Medicare beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A insurance, and whose income is no more than 100% FPG, may be eligible to have Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance paid by MOAD.

### Medicaid for Employed Older Adults with Disabilities (MOAD)

- MOAD may also be eligible for other programs, including Medicaid.

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### Other Eligibility Criteria

| Applicant must also meet the general financial requirements/conditions of eligibility for Medicaid, such as filing an application, obtaining a Social Security number, etc. |
| An applicant is not counted as income. |

### Quality of Life

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### Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) and Medicaid for Employed Older Adults with Disabilities (MOAD)

- **MEAD** and **MOAD** provide medical coverage to disabled working adults. MEAD and MOAD have higher income and resource limits than other Medicaid plans and allow eligible recipients to return to work or increase their earnings. Some individuals who are eligible for MEAD or MOAD may be required to pay a health insurance premium.

- To be eligible for MEAD, an individual must be 18 through 64 years old; to be eligible for MOAD, an individual must be 65 or older.

### Medicaid and MOAD

- MEAD and MOAD individuals must:
  - be employed or self-employed for pay;
  - contribute to FICA;
  - meet MEAD and MOAD income and resources 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 that is expected to last 48 months or longer; and
  - enroll in cost-free health insurance if their employer offers it.

### Medicaid for MOAD individuals:

- Medicare Part B but with higher incomes may be eligible for payment of all or part of their monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

### Medicaid for MEAD individuals:

- Certain Medicare beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A insurance, and whose income is no more than 100% FPG, may be eligible to have Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance paid by MOAD.

### Medicaid for MOAD individuals:

- MOAD may also be eligible for other programs, including Medicaid.

### Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) and Medicaid for Employed Older Adults with Disabilities (MOAD)

- Medicaid for MOAD individuals:
  - Medicare Part B but with higher incomes may be eligible for payment of all or part of their monthly Medicare Part B premiums.

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

- Certain Medicare beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A insurance, and whose income is no more than 100% FPG, may be eligible to have Medicare Part A and B premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance paid by MOAD.

### Medicaid for MOAD individuals:

- MOAD may also be eligible for other programs, including Medicaid.