

Louisiana Medicaid Can Help You Pay for Long Term Medical Care

Louisiana Medicaid's Long Term Care program provides long term medical care in nursing homes, group homes, state developmental disability centers, or in your home or community.

Requirements to Qualify

Facility Services:

- ★ You must live (or plan to live) in a nursing home, a state developmental center, or a group or residential home for persons with mental or developmental disabilities.

Home and Community Services:

- ★ For the Home and Community Based Services programs (HCBS Waiver), you must receive an opportunity for service (also known as a slot).
- ★ For the Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), you must live in a PACE provider service area.
- ★ For the Long Term Personal Care Services program, you must need help with at least one Activity of Daily Living.

AND FOR ALL SERVICES:

- ★ You must live in Louisiana;
- ★ You must be a U.S. citizen or a lawful permanent resident;
- ★ You must have or apply for a Social Security Number;
- ★ Your income and the things you own must be below the limits; and
- ★ You must meet all medical and program requirements.

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Medicaid looks at certain things you, your spouse, and parents (when minors are applying) own. The total value of these things must be below the program limits.

- ★ \$2,000 one unmarried person applying
- ★ \$3,000 married and both applying
- ★ \$104,400 (for 2008) married and one applying for facility or group home care

We count things like cash, bank accounts, stocks, savings bonds, life insurance (when you have more than \$10,000), and vehicles (when you have more than one).

We do not count your home (in most cases) as long as you have plans to remain living in it or will return to it.

If you have a spouse and he/she does not need long term care ...

Under **Spousal Impoverishment** rules, if you are the only one who needs long term care in a facility or group home, you may give some of your income to your legal spouse and legal dependents who live at home. The things you and your spouse own can be worth up to \$104,400 (for 2008). This amount goes up every year.

Benefits

- ★ Full Medicaid coverage; and
- ★ Payment to the facility and other medical providers.

Here's how to apply or get more information.

Facility Care and PACE

Call us at **1-888-342-6207** Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., or call your local Medicaid office. If you use a TTY text phone, call **1-800-220-5404**. You may call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care at **1-877-456-1146**. The TTY text phone number is **1-877-544-9544**.

Care at Home or in your Community

Space for the Waiver programs is limited. **For children or someone with a developmental disability**, call your regional Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities (OCDD) to be added to the Request for Services Registry and to find out what services are available now. To get the phone number, call **1-866-783-5553**.

Care at Home or in your Community

For the elderly and adults with disabilities, call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care at **1-877-456-1146**. If you use a TTY text phone, call **1-877-544-9544**.

Louisiana Medicaid is an Equal Opportunity Program

We cannot treat you differently because of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nationality, or political beliefs. If you think we have, call the U.S. DHHS, Regional Office for Civil Rights in Dallas, TX free at 1-800-368-1019, call or write to your local Medicaid office, and/or write to the Department of Health and Hospitals at P.O. Box 4818, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4818.



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