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Institutional MA Questions

These questions came from a psychiatric hospital and the assumption for purposes of answering them is that the individuals are under age 21 and are residing in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD).

1. What is the time frame allowed for patients to apply?

An individual can apply for retroactive coverage for up to three months prior to the month of application. For example, if someone applied today (10/22) they could request coverage to begin as early as July 1st.

2. Does that patient have to be "in-house" for a period of time to qualify?

No.

3. Does the patient have to be "in-house" during the application process itself?

No. When an individual applies for MA after being discharged from an IMD and meets all eligibility requirements, the individual is certified for the inpatient IMD days only. S/he is only certified for the remainder of the month if s/he is eligible after being tested for Family MA with his/her parents and siblings.

4. What are the income guidelines?

The individual is financially eligible if his/her monthly income does not exceed the monthly need. Monthly need is the sum of:

Personal needs allowance \$45

Cost of institutional care (using private care rate)

Cost of health insurance

Support payments

Out-of-pocket medical costs

Work related expenses

Self-support plan

Expenses for establishing and maintaining a court- ordered guardianship or protective placement, including court ordered attorney or guardian fees.

Other Medical Expenses.

Other deductible expenses.

5. What form is used to apply?

HCF 10101- it can be accessed online using the following link:

<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/forms/DHCF/HCF10101.pdf>