

**Paying for Care
at the
Wisconsin Centers for the
Developmentally Disabled**



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All clients in State Centers for the Developmentally Disabled are admitted according to State laws relating to **voluntary** and **involuntary** care.

Payment for inpatient services is required by State Statutes 46.03 (18) and 46.10. Clients and legally responsible relatives will be billed in accordance with the Uniform Fee System as described in the Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter DHS-1

Billing and Collection is handled by the Bureau of Fiscal Services. Bureau staff submit claims to insurance companies and all governmental programs for which a person may be eligible such as Medicare or Medical Assistance. The Bureau also handles billing and collections from clients, spouses of married patients and parents of minor clients.

Clients admitted to the Centers for the Developmentally Disabled may qualify for Medical Assistance coverage, if they meet eligibility criteria. In the event a client qualifies for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they are automatically eligible for Medical Assistance. If the client is not eligible for Medical Assistance through SSI, then responsible parties must coordinate with the client's county of residence to complete the Medical Assistance application.

Clients who have Medical Assistance may have a monthly Personal Liability. This represents a monthly amount that must be applied toward the cost of care. Staff at the Center may function as designated Representative Payees for clients with monthly income. Staff will help to manage client income in accordance with the Financial Guidelines.

Adult Clients

An adult client is responsible for the cost of the care. Insurance information should be provided to staff in the Registration Office of the Center. Clients and/or responsible parties need to provide full financial information and authorization for billing all applicable insurance. Clients and/or responsible parties who do not provide information and authorizations are responsible for payment in full.

Child Clients

When children receive inpatient services, the child and the parents are responsible for the cost of the care. If parents are divorced or separated, the Bureau may seek payment from both parents. Insurance information should be provided to staff in the Registration Office of the Center. Clients and/or responsible parties need to provide full financial information and authorization for billing all applicable insurance. Clients and/or responsible parties who do not provide information and authorizations are responsible for payment in full.

Contact

If you have questions or concerns about your account, please contact the Department at the following location:

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