

## WISCONSIN MEDICAID FOR THE ELDERLY, BLIND OR DISABLED APPLICATION PACKET

### HOW TO APPLY

This is an application for health care benefits for people who are 65 years of age or older, blind or have a disability.

To apply for health care benefits, complete this application and return it to the following address or complete an application online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov). See below for more information about applying online.

### Mail or Fax Applications and/or Proof/Verification to:

If you live in Milwaukee County:

MDPU  
PO Box 05676  
Milwaukee WI 53205

Fax: 1-888-409-1979

If you **do not** live in Milwaukee County

CDPU  
PO Box 5234  
Janesville, WI 53547-5234

Fax: 1-855-293-1822

You can also scan and/or upload any proof online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov).

You will need to provide proof of some of your answers. For more information on what you will need to provide, see the Proof/Verification Section starting on page 4.

If you have questions about Medicaid, need help filling out this application or want to answer the questions in person or over the telephone, contact your agency to set up an appointment. If you need the address and/or telephone number of your agency, see page 6. Information is also available online at [dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp](https://dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp).

If you have a disability and need this information in an alternate format, or if you need it translated to another language, contact your agency. These services are free of charge.

### APPLY ONLINE

ACCESS is an online tool that lets you apply for benefits, check the status of your benefits, report changes or complete your annual renewal. To visit ACCESS go to [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov). An online application is the same as a paper application.

### LETTERS AVAILABLE THROUGH MYACCESS

Members Can Get Letters Online Instead of by Regular Mail: Members can get letters and information about their benefits online instead of by regular mail. To make this choice, the member needs to contact their agency, or log in to their MyACCESS account at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov). If a member does not have a MyACCESS account, they must create one to view their letters online.

### HOW TO USE THIS FORM

1. Read the Important Information section and all the instructions before completing the application.
2. Print clearly. Use blue or black ink.
3. Write dates in the MM/DD/YYYY format. (Example: April 2, 1958 would be 04/02/1958.)
4. Enter information about you and/or your spouse.
5. Completely fill out the application. There may be a delay in Medicaid benefits if the application is not complete. (Use the checklist on page 15 to make sure your application is complete.) If your application is not complete, the agency will contact you for more information.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The following is important information regarding Medicaid for persons who are elderly, blind or have a disability.

### Authorized Representative

You may authorize a representative to apply for you. If you want to authorize a representative, fill out the Authorized Representative page (Attachment 2 of this application packet). This will allow that person to complete and sign the application for you. A legal guardian, conservator or power of attorney may apply for an individual without authorization by the individual. If you are a person's court appointed guardian, conservator or have durable power of attorney for finances, you must submit the legal documentation authorizing you to be that person's appointed guardian or durable power of attorney for finances.

### Application Date

Your application date is the date the Medicaid office gets your signed application. A decision on your Medicaid will be mailed to you within 30 days of your application date. Unsigned forms will be returned. It is important to apply as soon as possible since the date your benefits will begin, if you meet all program rules, is based on your application date.

### Backdated Coverage

You may be able to get Medicaid benefits for up to three months before your application date if you provide the necessary information to show you met the Medicaid rules for those months. If you want help paying for health care for any of the past three months (backdated coverage), complete the "Medicaid Backdated Coverage Request" page (Attachment 1) found in this application packet.

### Personally Identifiable Information / Social Security Number

Personally identifiable information and Social Security Numbers are used only for the direct administration of the Medicaid program.

If someone in your household is not applying for Medicaid, you do not need to provide Social Security Number (SSN) information for that person. Any person who wants Wisconsin Medicaid, but does not provide their SSN or apply for one will not be eligible for benefits, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes § 49.82(2).

If you are applying only for Emergency Services because of your immigration status, or you are a pregnant woman applying for BadgerCare Plus Prenatal Services, you do not need to provide SSN information.

Your SSN permits a computer check of your information with government agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration, Department of Revenue and the Department of Workforce Development. In addition, the Department of Health Services will match your name and SSN with information provided by health insurance carriers to determine if you have other health insurance.

Your SSN will not be shared with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

### Renewals

If you are able to get Medicaid, you will need to complete a renewal at least once every 12 months to see if you still meet all the program rules for enrollment in Medicaid.

## Estate Recovery

If you are enrolled in Medicaid, Wisconsin State law, with limited exceptions, requires the recovery of certain Medicaid benefits from your estate. The “Estate Recovery Program” brochure (P-13032) provides you with information on estate recovery. You may get a copy of the brochure from your local agency or by contacting Member Services at 1-800-362-3002. Certain benefits you get in the community after age 55 and all Medicaid benefits you get while residing in a nursing home or while you are an inpatient in a hospital for 30 days or more, are recoverable. Also, if you reside in a nursing home or are institutionalized in a hospital, and are not expected to return home to live, a lien may be placed on your home. A lien may not be placed on your home if you, your spouse or certain other family members reside in the home.

## Rights and Responsibilities

### Rights

State and Federal laws guarantee rights for members, which include:

- The right to be treated with respect by state and county employees,
- The right to confidentiality of all information given to agencies to determine eligibility. (This does not prohibit the use of such records for program administration.)
- The right of access to agency’s records and files relating to your case, except information obtained by the agency under a promise of confidentiality,
- The right to remain eligible for Medicaid benefits even if temporarily absent from the state, if you remain a Wisconsin resident,
- The right to a speedy determination of eligibility status and prior notice of proposed changes in such status,
- The right to emergency medical care,
- The right to request reasonable accommodation to participate in the program for a disability-related reason, or the right to request interpreters or translators to participate in the program, and
- The right to appeal any action taken concerning your Medicaid application or on-going benefits that you do not agree with by requesting a Fair Hearing.

## Fair Hearing

You may request a Fair Hearing by writing to:

Wisconsin Department of Administration  
Division of Hearings and Appeals  
P.O. Box 7875  
Madison, WI 53707-7875

Or by calling: Telephone (608) 266-3096

The *Request for Fair Hearing* form can also be found on the Division of Hearings and Appeals website at [dha.state.wi.us/home/](http://dha.state.wi.us/home/).

You may also contact the agency where you applied and ask for help filing a Fair Hearing request. Refer to the [ForwardHealth – Enrollment and Benefits handbook](#) (P-00079), or your Letter of Enrollment you will get, to learn more about the fair hearing process. You will get your handbook soon after you apply for Medicaid. You can also find the handbook on the Medicaid web site at [dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp](http://dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp).

If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities, contact your agency. See page 6 for a listing of Medicaid agencies.

## Discrimination

The Department of Health Services (DHS) is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. For civil rights questions, call (608) 266-9372 (voice) or 1-888-701-1251 (TTY).

To file a complaint of discrimination contact either the:

Wisconsin Department of Health Services  
Affirmative Action and Civil Rights Compliance Office  
1 W. Wilson, Room 555  
Madison, WI 53707-7850  
Telephone: (608) 266-9372 (voice);  
(888) 701-1251 (TTY)  
Fax: (608) 267-2147

## Responsibilities

### Reporting Changes

Report to the agency **within 10 days**:

- Any changes in income of any member of your household, AND
- Any other change in the information you have given on your application that is required to be reported on the Medicaid Change Report form. See the Medicaid Change Report form (Attachment 3) in this application packet.

**Note:** If you are in a Medicaid HMO and you move out of state but do not report this move, you will be responsible to repay Wisconsin Medicaid any payment they made to your HMO. For example, if Wisconsin Medicaid paid your HMO \$175 per month for you and your spouse, the amount of overpayment you would have to repay Wisconsin Medicaid is \$350, for each month the HMO was paid after you moved out of state, even if you did not use your Forward card.

Changes can be reported online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov), by calling your agency or you can use the Medicaid Change Report (Attachment 3) in this application packet. **Do not send this form with your application; keep it for future use.**

## Verification/Proof

You will need to provide verification/proof of certain information. Some of these include:

### Citizenship / Identity

Federal law requires that all U.S. citizens applying for, or getting Medicaid benefits must show proof of their U.S. citizenship and identity. If you are applying for benefits, you will have at least 30 days, from the date of your application, to provide proof to the agency. If you have provided this information in the past, or you receive Medicare, Supplement Security Income or Social Security Disability Income, it may already be on file; your agency will let you know if more proof is needed.

We also verify with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security the alien status of all immigrants who apply for benefits for themselves. Immigration status will not be verified with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for people in your household who are not applying for assistance. If someone in your household is not applying for Medicaid, you do not need to answer this question for that person.

**Note:** Undocumented immigrants are only eligible for coverage of emergency health care services if they would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid. Pregnant immigrants may be able to enroll in BadgerCare Plus Prenatal Services.

Examples of what you can use to prove both citizenship and identity are:

- U.S. Passport
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship
- Certification of U.S. Naturalization

**Examples of what you can use to prove citizenship are:**

- U.S. Birth Certificate
- U.S. State Department Report of Birth Abroad
- U.S. Citizen ID card
- Adoption papers showing U.S. birth
- INS/USCIS Documentation
- Hospital record of U.S. birth
- U.S. Military Record of Service
- Life or health insurance record showing U.S. birth
- Nursing home admission papers showing U.S. birth

**Examples of what you can use to prove identity are:**

- State driver license
- ID card issued by federal, state or local government
- School ID card with photo
- U.S. Military Dependent ID card
- U.S. Military ID card or draft record showing U.S. birth
- For children under age 18, a signed Statement of Identity form, F-10154

### Assets

You will be required to provide proof of all your assets. Examples of proof include a copy of your bank statement showing the value of your bank account on the date the application is completed, property tax bill, vehicle title/registration, or something that shows the face value and cash value of your life insurance policy. If married and applying for Institutional Medicaid, an Asset Assessment will be required for both the applicant and spouse.

### Other

Your worker may also ask for proof of the following:

- Medical expenses to meet a deductible,
- Physician's certification (verbally or in writing) that the person is likely to return to the home or apartment within 6 months for institutionalized persons maintaining a home or property and who may be entitled to a home maintenance allowance. If allowed, expenses will need to be verified,
- Documentation for Power of Attorney and Guardianship, and/or
- Disability.

If you have these items available on the day you submit this application, provide a copy of them with your application. You will be contacted by the agency and be asked to provide proof of missing, conflicting or vague information, if the information would affect the decision about your Medicaid enrollment.

Do not send original documents in the mail. You may bring in original documents or send photocopies of these items with your application. If you are having trouble getting what you need to provide proof, contact your agency and ask for help.

### **Race / Ethnicity Codes**

Write in the code(s) in the space provided in Sections 1 and 4 that best describes your race/ethnicity.

- I = American Indian/Alaskan Native
- W = White - White, not of Hispanic origin
- P = Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander
- A = Asian - Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Indian, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Bangladeshi, Tibetan, Nepali, Bhutan, Afghanistani, Turkestan, Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, Khmer, Thai, Burmese, Indonesian, Malaysian, Filipino
- B = Black/African American
- H = Hispanic or Latino

## Agency Contact Information

### **Bay Lake: 1-888-794-5747**

Brown, Door, Marinette, Oconto and Shawano Counties

### **Capital: 1-888-794-5556**

Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Juneau, Richland, Sauk, and Sheboygan Counties

### **East Central Income Maintenance (IM)**

#### **Partnership: 1-888-256-4563**

Calumet, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago Counties

### **Great Rivers: 1-888-283-0012**

Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix and Washburn Counties

### **IM Central: 1-888- 445-1621**

Langlade, Marathon, Oneida and Portage Counties

### **Milwaukee County (MIIES): 1-888-947-6583**

Milwaukee County

### **Moraine Lakes: 1-888-446-1239**

Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Washington, Walworth, and Waukesha Counties

### **Northern IM: 1-888-794-5722**

Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Lincoln, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas and Wood Counties

### **Southern: 1-888-794-5780**

Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette and Rock Counties

### **WKRP: 1-888-794-5820**

Kenosha and Racine Counties

### **Western Region for Economic Assistance: 1-888-627-0430**

Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, and Vernon Counties

## Tribal IM Agencies:

Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 715-682-7127

Forest County Potawatomi Community:  
715-478-7292

Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin:  
715-634-8934

Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 715-588-9635

Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin:  
715-799-5137

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin:  
1-800-216-3216

Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa:  
715-779-3706

Sokaogon Chippewa Community:  
715-478-3265

Stockbridge-Munsee Community:  
715-793-4885

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**Instructions:** Before completing this form, read all instructions. Use black or blue ink only. Write all dates in the MM/DD/YYYY format (example: April 2, 1958 would be 04/02/1958). If you need more space to write your answers, use an additional sheet of paper.

**Keep pages 1 through 6 and the Medicaid Change Report (Attachment 3), for future use.**

If you are completing this application for someone else, complete the Authorization of Representative page (Attachment 2) or attach legal documentation authorizing you as the appointed guardian or durable power of attorney for finances for the applicant. Information provided on this application should be about the applicant, not the representative.

**SECTION I – APPLICANT INFORMATION** - In this section, we need you to tell us about yourself.

Name – Applicant (last, first, MI)		
Do you have any names you have previously used such as a married or maiden name? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what are those names?		
Date of birth	Where were you born? (city, state)	
Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Social Security Number	*Race or Ethnicity
Are you a member, or a child of a member, of a tribe? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	In what language do you want your notices printed? <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish	
Primary language spoken in your home	Are there any minor children in the home? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

\*You do not have to answer this question. If you do wish to answer, the codes are on page 5 of the Important Information.

**SECTION 2 – CONTACT INFORMATION** - Please tell us how we can contact you. For telephone numbers, please include the area code.

Name of contact, if not the applicant	
Telephone Number (Applicant) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work	Telephone Number _____ (Authorized Representative / Power of Attorney) <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Cell <input type="checkbox"/> Work
Other number where we can leave a message	Who does this message number belong to? <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor <input type="checkbox"/> Relative
Email Address	Who does this email address belong to? <input type="checkbox"/> Self <input type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Neighbor <input type="checkbox"/> Relative
What is the best way to contact you during weekdays?	

**SECTION 3 – ADDITIONAL APPLICANT INFORMATION** - In this section we need additional information about you, the applicant.

Address where you reside? If you reside in a medical institution, use the name and address of the institution.			
Street	City	State	Zip Code
Is this also your mailing address? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answered no, what is your mailing address?			
Are you currently residing in a nursing home, institution for mental disease (IMD), or hospital? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what is the date you were admitted? _____			
Did you reside in a nursing home, institution for IMD, or hospital in the past? If so when? _____			
Do you intend to continue residing in Wisconsin? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Do you need help paying for health care you received in the last three months? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answered yes, complete the Medicaid Backdated Coverage Request form (Attachment 1) in this packet.			
Marital status <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Legally Separated		Are you a U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annulled <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Never Married		(See page 4)	
If you are not a U.S. citizen, in what country were you born? _____			Do you have a sponsor?
Date of entry _____ Alien Registration Number _____			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**SECTION 4 – SPOUSE INFORMATION** - In this section we will ask you general information about your spouse, if you are married. Answer all questions in this section with your spouse's information. If not married, go to Section 5.

Name (last, first, MI)	Social Security Number		
Other names previously used such as a maiden or married name.			
Spouse's address, if different from applicant's address.			
Street	City	State	Zip Code
If you are applying for long-term care services, do you want your spouse to get the maximum allowed portion of your income? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No", how much would you like your spouse to get? \$ _____			
Are you residing in a nursing home, institution for mental disease (IMD) or hospital? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you answered "Yes", stop here and go to Section 5.			
Applying for Medicaid? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Race or ethnicity (This question is optional.)	
Are you a member, or a child of a member, of a tribe? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Date of birth	U.S. citizen? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Has a sponsor <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No-	
If you are not a U.S. citizen, in what country were you born? _____			
Date of entry _____ Alien Registration Number _____			



**SECTION 5 – DISABILITY INFORMATION**  
**Applicant**

Have you been determined blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If not, would you like us to send you a Disability Application Form?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Have you received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If you are disabled and not currently working, are you interested in working?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Spouse**

Has your spouse been determined blind or disabled by the Social Security Administration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your spouse received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the past?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If your spouse is disabled and not currently working, is s/he interested in working?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**SECTION 6 – ASSETS**

List all assets owned by you and/or your spouse. Include assets owned jointly with any other person. Do not include the value of personal household belongings (televisions, furniture, appliances). Do not list motor vehicle information in this section as we will ask for that in Section 9. Assets include items such as cash, checking or savings accounts, certificates of deposit, trust funds, stocks, bonds, retirement accounts, interest in annuities, U.S. savings bonds, property agreements, contracts for deeds, timeshares, rental property, life estates, tools, livestock, farm machinery, Keogh plans or other tax shelters, personal property being held for investment purposes, health savings accounts, etc.

**NOTE:** You will be asked to provide proof of your assets. See page 5, for more information. Use an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.

Type of Asset (See Above)	Name of Owner(s)	Current Dollar Amount	Bank / Financial Institution Name and Account Number
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

**SECTION 7 – BURIAL ASSETS**

List all burial assets owned by you and/or your spouse. You will be asked to provide proof of your assets. Use an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.

Type of Burial Asset	Name of Owner(s)	Value
Burial Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$
Irrevocable Burial Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$
Other <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		\$

**SECTION 8 – ANNUITY OWNERSHIP**

Do you or your spouse own an annuity?  Yes  No

Did you or your spouse purchase an annuity on or after 01/01/2009?  Yes  No

Did you or your spouse make any substantive changes on or after 01/01/2009, to any annuity that either you or your spouse own, regardless of when it was purchased?  Yes  No

A substantive change would be an addition to principal, an elective withdrawal, a distribution change request, a change in ownership or other similar action.

**Note:** If you answered “Yes”, to any of the questions above, you will be required to provide and verify additional information about this annuity in order to qualify for Medicaid Institutional/Long-Term Care Services.

I, the applicant and my spouse acknowledge that we are naming the State of Wisconsin as a remainder beneficiary on my/our annuity, by virtue of the provision of Medicaid Institutional/Long Term Care services. This assignment provision will apply to any annuity purchased by me or my spouse, on or after 01/01/2009, or any annuity owned by me or my spouse, regardless of the purchase date, for which a substantive change and/or transaction has occurred on or after 01/01/2009. The State of Wisconsin will be named as the remainder beneficiary in my/our annuity in the first position or if I am married or have a minor and/or disabled child, the State of Wisconsin will be named as a remainder beneficiary in the next position after my spouse and/or minor or disabled child.

**SECTION 9 – VEHICLE INFORMATION**

List all motor vehicles owned by you and/or your spouse, if married. Include vehicles owned jointly with another person.

**Vehicle 1**

Type of vehicle	Year	Make	Model
Amount owed on vehicle \$		Fair Market Value* \$	

**Vehicle 2**

Type of vehicle	Year	Make	Model
Amount owed on vehicle \$		Fair Market Value* \$	

\*By fair market value, we mean the amount that you would get if you sold it on the open market.

**Section 10 – Real Property Information**

List all real property owned by you and/or your spouse, if married. Include all real property, whether the property is located in the State of Wisconsin or not, owned solely or jointly with another person. Include any rental property owned.

**Property 1**

Owner(s) of property			
Address - Street	City	State	Zip Code
Amount owed on property \$		Fair Market Value \$	

**Property 2**

Owner(s) of property			
Address - Street	City	State	Zip Code
Amount owed on property \$		Fair Market Value \$	

**SECTION 11 — LIFE INSURANCE**

Please tell us about any life insurance you and/or your spouse has.

Do you and/or your spouse have any life insurance policies? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, complete the section below. If no, stop and go to Section 12.			
Name of Owner(s)	Type: (Whole life, term, etc.)	Cash Value \$	Face Value \$
		\$	\$

**SECTION 12 – RESOURCE/INCOME TRANSFER**

Please tell us about any income or resources you and/or your spouse have given away or sold for less than fair market value in the last five years. Examples of resources include cash and cash gifts, real estate, stocks or bonds, etc. Use an additional sheet of paper if more room is needed.

Check all that apply. In the last five years, did you and/or your spouse:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Sell any assets for less than fair market value, (By fair market value, we mean the amount that you would get if you sold it on the open market.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Trade assets or income,
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Transfer or give away assets or income,
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Establish or fund a trust,
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Decline or refuse to accept an inheritance, or
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Purchase an annuity, life estate in another person's home, promissory note, loan or mortgage?
If you answered "Yes", to any of the above fill out the following information. If "No", go to Section 13.	

**Asset or Income 1**

Type of asset or income	Date given away or sold	Value of asset or income \$
What did you get in return? _____		Who was asset given/sold to? _____

**Asset or Income 2**

Type of asset or income	Date given away or sold	Value of asset or income \$
What did you get in return? _____		Who was asset given/sold to? _____

**SECTION 13 – JOB INCOME AND WAGES**

In this section, we need to know about any job income or wages you and/or your spouse receive from employment. List the gross income for each job. By gross, we mean the amount earned before taxes and deductions. Do not list self-employment in this section, we will ask you about self-employment in Section 14.

**Job 1**

Are you and/or your spouse employed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, answer the following questions. If no, stop here and go to Section 13.
Who has a job? <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Your Spouse	Date employment began	
Employer name and address	Gross monthly earnings expected this month \$	
	Gross monthly earnings expected next month \$	
Hours worked each week?	How much are you paid each hour? \$	
How often are you paid? <input type="checkbox"/> Each Week <input type="checkbox"/> Every Other Week <input type="checkbox"/> Twice Each Month <input type="checkbox"/> Once A Month		
Are you paid a salary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes", how much are you paid each pay period? \$		
Do you get tips or compensation other than your hourly wages or salary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If "yes", how much do you get each pay period? \$		

**Job 2**

Who has a job? <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Your Spouse	Date employment began	
Employer name and address	Gross monthly earnings expected this month \$	
	Gross monthly earnings expected next month \$	
Hours worked each week?	How much are you paid each hour? \$	
How often are you paid? <input type="checkbox"/> Each Week <input type="checkbox"/> Every Other Week <input type="checkbox"/> Twice Each Month <input type="checkbox"/> Once Each Month		
Are you paid a salary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes", how much are you paid each pay period? \$		
Do you get tips or compensation other than your hourly wages or salary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If "yes", how much do you get each pay period? \$		

**Note:** If you have any other jobs or wages from a job, you can use an additional sheet of paper and attach it to this application.

**SECTION 14 – SELF-EMPLOYMENT**

Please tell us about any self-employment income you and/or your spouse receive.

**Self-employment 1**

Are you and/or your spouse self-employed? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If yes, answer the questions below. List the gross amount reported to the Internal Revenue Service on your tax forms. If no, go to Section 15.
Who is self-employed? <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Your Spouse	Name and address of this business	
Gross annual income \$ _____		
Gross annual expenses (include amounts claimed for depreciation) \$ _____	Type of business	

**Self-employment 2**

Who is self-employed? <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Your Spouse	Name and address of this business
Gross annual income \$ _____	
Gross annual expenses (include amounts claimed for depreciation) \$ _____	
Type of business	

**SECTION 15 – OTHER TYPES OF INCOME**

In this section, tell us if you and/or your spouse receive any other types of income (other than a current job or self-employment). Examples of other income may include, but are not limited to payments from an annuity or trust, alimony/maintenance, charity, child support, disability/sick pay, interest/dividends, pension/retirement, worker's compensation, money from another person, interest on loan/promissory note repayments, rental income, severance pay, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security, Veterans Benefits, unemployment insurance, etc. List the gross amount, before taxes and deductions.

Type of Income	Who Gets Income	Gross Monthly Amount	Company Name / Address
	<input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$	
	<input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$	

**SECTION 16 – OUT-OF POCKET MEDICAL EXPENSES**

List the types of out-of-pocket medical expenses you and/or your spouse have such as co-payments or the cost of over-the-counter drugs. You must indicate if the item is an impairment related work expense. By impairment related work expense, we mean any item you or your spouse needs due to your impairment in order to do your job. The expense cannot be one that a similar worker without a disability would have, such as uniforms. Do not list medical insurance premiums or items for which you are reimbursed.

**Expense 1**

Do you and/or your spouse have any medical expenses? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, complete the information below. If no, stop and go to Section 17.			
Type of Medical Expense	Amount of Expense \$	Who has the expense <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Your Spouse	How often paid
Is this an impairment related work expense? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**Expense 2**

Type of Medical Expense	Amount of Expense \$	Who has the expense <input type="checkbox"/> You <input type="checkbox"/> Your Spouse	How often paid
Is this an impairment related work expense? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

**SECTION 17 – SHELTER / UTILITY COST**

In this section, tell us about your household expenses. Some of these may include, but are not limited to mortgage/rent, property taxes, condominium fees, homeowner/renter insurance, water or sewer bills, gas/electric bills, heating cost, etc. If shared expense, be sure to list actual amount paid per person.

Type of Expense	Who has Expense	Amount of Expense	How Often Paid
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

**SECTION 18 – OTHER ALLOWABLE EXPENSES**

In this section, tell us about any other allowable expenses you and/or your spouse have. Allowable expenses may include court ordered family support/alimony, court ordered attorney and guardian fees, court ordered child support, and other support obligations.

Who has an Expense	What is the Expense	Amount of Expense	How Often Paid
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

**SECTION 19 – MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION**

You must report any third party that may be liable to pay for medical care for you and/or your spouse, including private health insurance, nursing home/long term care insurance, Medicare or Medi-GAP insurance. You must cooperate by giving information as requested. This also includes any insurance that may be available through an employer group health plan or long-term care policy.

Do you and/or your spouse have Medicare Part A or Part B coverage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Who has the coverage?	Medicare ID Number	Premium Amount	Part A Start Date	Part B Start Date
		\$		
		\$		

Do you and/or your spouse have Medicare Part D coverage? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Who has the coverage?	Name of Plan	Start Date	Monthly Premium Amount
			\$
			\$

**SECTION 19 – MEDICAL INSURANCE INFORMATION (continued)**

Do you have private health or long term care insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Name of policy holder	Date Coverage Began	Premium Amount \$	How Often Paid
Policy/Insurance Number		Group Number	
Name and Address of Insurance Company			

Does your spouse have private health or long term care insurance? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Name of policy holder	Date Coverage Began	Premium Amount \$	How Often Paid
Policy/Insurance Number	Group Number		
Name and Address of Insurance Company			

If eligible, would you and/or your spouse like the State of Wisconsin to pay your Medicare premiums? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Have you or your spouse incurred medical bills as a result of an accident or do you have an accident claim pending? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      If yes, check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Incurred Bills <input type="checkbox"/> Claim or Settlement Pending	

**SECTION 20 - CHECKLIST**

Please read and check each off before you mail your application. This could save time in processing your application.

- Read the Rights and Responsibilities Section.
- Complete all applicable sections of the application.
- Enclose with your application any current proof, additional documentation or sheets of paper used to complete the application. If requesting backdating, be sure to include verification for those months.
- Include a copy of your immigration status documents, if you are not a U.S. citizen.
- Complete the Authorized Representative page (Attachment 2) or enclose legal documentation that allows you to be the appointed guardian or durable power of attorney for finances, if you are acting on behalf of an applicant. Health Care Power of Attorney is not valid for the Medicaid Application purposes.
- Complete the enclosed - Medicaid Backdated Coverage Request page (Attachment 1), if you are requesting backdated coverage.
- Keep pages 1 through 5 and the Medicaid Change Report (Attachment 3), for future use.
- Sign and date the application form.

**SECTION 21 - SIGNATURE**

By signing the application, you are authorizing the local agency and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to request any information that is appropriate and necessary for the proper administration of the Medicaid program under Wisconsin law. Any person, including financial institutions, credit reporting agencies or educational institutions may release this information, unless it is prohibited or restricted by law. Your authorization remains in effect until:

1. Your Medicaid application is denied,
2. Your Medicaid eligibility ends, or
3. You inform the Department of Health Services in writing that you wish to end your authorization.

Also, your signature on the application means that you understand the questions and statements on this application form and the penalties for giving false information or breaking the rules. By signing the application, you are certifying, under penalty of perjury and false swearing, that all of your answers are correct and complete to the best of your knowledge, including information provided about the immigration and citizenship status of each household member applying for benefits. Also, you understand and agree to provide documents to prove what you have said.

_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Applicant/Representative/Guardian/Power of Attorney/Conservator	_____ Date Signed
_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Applicant/Representative/Guardian/Power of Attorney/Conservator	_____ Date Signed
_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Witness (Needed if signed with an “X” above)	_____ Date Signed
_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Witness (Needed if signed with an “X” above)	_____ Date Signed

**Note:** The applicant’s signature must be witnessed by two people, if signed with an “X”.

A Community Spouse must sign the application to be considered a valid application for Long Term Care Medicaid or Institutional Medicaid.

**Mail or Fax Applications and/or Proof/Verifications**

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**ATTACHMENT 1 - MEDICAID BACKDATED COVERAGE REQUEST**

If you meet all program rules and you are enrolled in Medicaid, you may be able to get Medicaid benefits for up to three months before your application date. The application date is the business day the application is received by the agency. You must provide all the needed information for the prior months and you must meet all program rules for those months. If you want help paying for health care for any of the three months before your application date (backdated coverage), make sure you checked the "Yes" box in Section 3 of the application where this question is asked and complete this form.

If there are any differences in circumstances in any of the three months before your application month list the differences below for each month that you are requesting backdated coverage. Differences may include: address, household composition, vehicles, insurance, income, assets, etc.

What is the date you want your enrollment to begin? \_\_\_\_\_

**Month Prior to Application**

Are you requesting backdated coverage for this month?  Yes  No  
Is any information included in your application different in this month from the application month?  
 Yes  No If "Yes", describe the changes.

**Two Months Prior to Application**

Are you requesting backdated coverage for this month?  Yes  No  
Is any information included in your application different in this month from the application month?  
 Yes  No If "Yes", describe the changes.

**Three Months Prior to Application**

Are you requesting backdated coverage for this month?  Yes  No  
Is any information included in your application different in this month from the application month?  
 Yes  No If "Yes", describe the changes.

**SIGNATURE** – Applicant/Representative/Guardian/Power of Attorney/Conservator

Date Signed

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**ATTACHMENT 2 - AUTHORIZATION OF REPRESENTATIVE**

If you wish to authorize another person to apply for Medicaid, on your behalf, you must complete this section. If you are an Authorized Representative completing the Medicaid application for another person, then you must sign the signature section of the Medicaid application. If you are this person's court appointed guardian, conservator or power of attorney for finances, you must submit to the agency the legal documentation authorizing you to apply on behalf of the applicant. You do not need to complete this section.

I authorize \_\_\_\_\_ to complete and sign applications and renewal forms, receive copies of notices and other communications from the agency and act on my behalf in all other matters, including to give and receive information that in any way relates to my application, enrollment determination and continuing benefits. I will provide information to my representative that will be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

I also authorize my representative to provide information and documents which may be necessary to establish my enrollment in Medicaid. I will provide information to my representative that will be true and correct to the best of my knowledge. My representative and I understand that penalties for providing fraudulent information could be a fine of up to \$10,000 and not more than one year in the county jail.

**Authorized Representative Information**

Name – Authorized Representative (last, first, MI)	Telephone Number (Include Area Code)
Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Email Address

**NOTE:** Someone other than your representative must witness your signature. Two witness signatures are required if you sign with an "X".

_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Applicant	_____ Date Signed
_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Witness (Required)	_____ Date Signed
_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Witness (Required if signed with an "X" above.)	_____ Date Signed
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No      As an authorized representative I understand that I am representing the above named applicant for Medicaid enrollment and that information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.	
_____ <b>SIGNATURE</b> – Authorized Representative	_____ Date Signed

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### ATTACHMENT 3 - MEDICAID CHANGE REPORT

**Do not send with your application.** Keep for future use. If you have a change, you can use this form to report changes. You may also report changes online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](http://ACCESS.wi.gov), by telephone or in person.

You must report if anyone moves in or out of your household, if anyone gets married, becomes pregnant, or gives birth to a child, a change in address, income, assets or employment status **within ten days**. If you do not have enough room on this report to document a change, use the last page of this report or attach a sheet of paper with the additional information written on it to this report.

If you fail to report any changes or provide false information, you may be fined, have to pay back any Medicaid benefits you received that you should not have (even if you did not use your card), be prosecuted or all three. You may be required to provide proof of any changes you report.

Personally identifiable information will be used only for the direct administration of the Medicaid program.

Your Name	Case Number	Worker Name
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#### SECTION 1 - CHANGE IN ADDRESS

If you have moved, you must report your new address.

Date of Change	New Telephone Number		
New Address - Street	City	State	Zip Code

#### SECTION 2 - CHANGE IN HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION

You must report if anyone moves in or out of your household, if anyone gets married, becomes pregnant or gives birth to a baby (include information about the person who gave birth and the newborn.)

Name(s) (Last, First, MI)	Date of Change	
Social Security Number (SSN)*	Date of Birth	Relationship to Case Head
Describe the Change		

\*Providing or applying for an SSN is voluntary; however any person who wants Wisconsin Medicaid but does not want to provide their SSN or apply for one will not be eligible for benefits, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 49.82(2).

#### SECTION 3 - CHANGE IN ASSETS

You must report changes in your household's cash, bank accounts, bonds, stocks or other assets.

Name of Owner (Last, First, MI)	Date of Change	
Type of Asset	Describe the Change	New Value or Amount \$

## SECTION 4 – CHANGE IN RESOURCES/INCOME

You must report any income or resources you and/or your spouse have given away or sold for less than fair market value. Examples of resources include cash and cash gifts, real estate, stocks or bonds, an inheritance, etc.

Type of asset or income	Date sold or given away	Value of asset or income \$
What did you get in return?		

## SECTION 5 – CHANGE IN VEHICLES

You must report if you obtain, sell or give away a car, truck, motorcycle, boat, snowmobile, camper or another type of vehicle.

Name of Owner(s) (last, first, MI)			Date of Change
Type of Vehicle	Make	Model	Year
Describe Change (bought, sold, etc.)	Amount Received \$	Fair Market Value* \$	Amount Owed \$

\* By fair market value, we mean the amount that you would get if you sold it on the open market.

## SECTION 6 - CHANGE IN INCOME

You must report a change in your gross income amount, a new source of income, changes in your employment status (part-time to full-time or full-time to part-time, loss of employment), changes in salary or rate of pay, changes in the amount of Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Worker’s Compensation, Veterans benefits, or any other change in the amount of money your household gets.

Name (Last, First, MI)	Date Income Changed
Source of Income	Monthly Amount \$
How Often Paid <input type="checkbox"/> Each Week <input type="checkbox"/> Every Other Week <input type="checkbox"/> Twice Each Month <input type="checkbox"/> Once Each Month	

## SECTION 7 - OTHER CHANGES

You must report any other changes that may affect your Medicaid eligibility. Examples of other changes include someone getting or dropping health insurance, someone becoming disabled or recovering from a disability. A change could also be a change in expenses such as an increase or decrease in health insurance premiums, medical costs or shelter costs.

Describe change	
Do you expect that the changes reported on this form will remain the same next month? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If no, explain.	Date of Change

## SECTION 8 – SIGNATURE

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I understand that there are penalties for hiding information or giving false information.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I understand that I may have to pay back any benefits I receive because I do not fully report changes in my circumstances (even if I do not use my Medicaid card).	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I agree to provide proof of any changes, if asked to do so.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No My answers on this report are correct and complete to the best of my knowledge.	
<b>SIGNATURE</b> – Applicant/Representative/Guardian/Power of Attorney/Conservator	Date Signed
Telephone Number (including area code)	

If this report does not provide enough room to document a change, attach a sheet of paper with the additional information written on it to this report.

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**FOODSHARE REQUEST**

Complete this form if you want to request FoodShare benefits. You may have another adult complete the application process for you. If your FoodShare benefits stopped within the last 30 days you may complete this form or contact your agency to find out if you can provide information to reopen your FoodShare without completing this form.

If you have a disability and need to access this application in an alternate format, or need it translated to another language, please contact your agency. To get the phone number of your agency go to [dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp](http://dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp) or call Member Services at 1-800-362-3002. Translation services are free of charge.

You may have another adult complete the application process for you. If your FoodShare benefits stopped within the last 30 days, you may complete this application or contact your worker to find out if you can reopen your FoodShare without completing this application.

Your FoodShare application will be processed as soon as possible, but no later than 30 days from the date your application is received by your agency.

Name – Applicant (Last, First, MI)				
Social Security Number (Optional)		Date of Birth (Optional)		Telephone Number (Optional)
Address – Street			City	State      Zip Code
Signature (Applicant or Authorized Representative)				Date Signed

Is there anyone living in your home who is not listed on the Medicaid application?  Yes       No

If you need help right away or have an emergency, you may be able to get FoodShare benefits within 7 days of providing your registration form, if your household:

- Has \$100 or less available in cash or in the bank and
- Expects to receive less than \$150 of income this month; **or**
- Has rent/mortgage or utility costs that are more than your total gross monthly income, available cash or bank accounts for this month; **or**
- Includes a migrant or seasonal farm worker whose income has stopped.

**Answer the following questions to be considered for faster service.**

Total gross income expected by your household this month (before taxes or other deductions)	\$ _____
Total available assets (examples-cash, money in checking/savings accounts, CDs, stocks, IRAs, etc)	\$ _____
Total rent or mortgage this month	\$ _____
Did your household receive Wisconsin FoodShare benefits this month?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Did your household receive SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits in another state this month?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is anyone in your household a migrant or seasonal farm worker whose income has recently stopped and does not expect to receive more than \$25 in income, in the next 10 days?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**If your household has to pay utilities, answer the following questions.**

If you pay rent, is heat included in your rent? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Check the box(es) for the utilities your household is required to pay and if the utility is used to heat your home.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Gas (Natural)	Used for Heat? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Oil/ Kerosene	Used for Heat? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Coal	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Propane Gas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Check the box(es) for the utilities your household is required to pay.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Phone	<input type="checkbox"/> Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer	<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Removal
<input type="checkbox"/> Installation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		

**Tear Off and Submit This Page to Your Agency**

If you do not understand any part of this form, ask your agency to explain it.

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You have the right to submit your application at any time. To do so, you will need to give at least your name, address and signature to set your filing date. You will still need to talk with your agency in person or over the phone in order to finish the rest of your application.

You may have to provide proof of some of your answers.

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You can set your filing date with just your name, address, and signature or complete a full application by applying online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov), by mail, in person or by phone.

If you want to apply for BadgerCare Plus or Medicaid, you can apply for these health care programs online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov) at the same time you are applying for FoodShare benefits. Or, you can complete an application for health care. Applications can be found at [dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp](https://dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp) or by contacting your agency.

## **Important Information - FoodShare**

This application is for FoodShare benefits only. It is not an application for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, Child Care or Wisconsin Works (W-2). You can apply for BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid, Family Planning Only Services and Child Care online at [ACCESS.wi.gov](https://ACCESS.wi.gov) at the same time you are applying for FoodShare. You must contact your local county or tribal agency to apply for W-2.

FoodShare is an entitlement. You do not have to apply for W-2 or other programs to be able to get FoodShare benefits. FoodShare benefits are available to help meet nutritional needs of low income households. A household is usually made up of people who live together and share food. The amount of FoodShare benefits a household gets is based on the household's size and income. FoodShare benefits are issued on a Wisconsin QUEST card which is used like a debit card at grocery stores that accept FoodShare.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

The Department of Health Services is an equal opportunity employer and service provider. If you have a disability and need to access this information in an alternate format, or need it translated to another language, please contact (608) 266- 3356 or 1-888-701-1251 (TTY) toll free. All translation services are free of charge. For civil rights questions call (608) 266-9372 or 1-888-701-1251 (TTY) toll free.

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If you wish to file a Civil Rights program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, found online at [ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](https://ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html), or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form. Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at U.S. Department of Agriculture, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax (202) 690-7442 or email at [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

For any other information dealing with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP Hotline Number at (800) 221-5689, which is also in Spanish or call the State Information/ Hotline Numbers found online at [dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth](https://dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth).

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## **FAIR HEARING**

You have the right to a fair hearing if you do not agree with any action taken regarding your application or your ongoing benefits. You may request a fair hearing by writing or calling:

Department of Administration  
Division of Hearing and Appeals  
P.O. Box 7875  
Madison, WI 53707-7875  
(608) 266-3096

The Request for a Fair Hearing form may be downloaded at [dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp](https://dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp). You may also contact your local agency to ask for a Fair Hearing verbally or in writing.

## **USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS/PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION**

Personally identifiable information, including Social Security Numbers (SSN) will be used only for the direct administration of FoodShare Wisconsin. Providing or applying for an SSN is voluntary; however anyone who does not provide their SSN or apply for one, will not be able to get FoodShare benefits. Anyone in the household who is not applying for FoodShare does not need to provide an SSN. Your SSN permits a computer check of your information from government agencies, such as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Social Security Administration, Department of Workforce Development or School Lunch Program. SSNs are also used to check identity and to verify income from sources such as employers.

## **AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

You have the right to have another person apply for FoodShare benefits for you. This person will act as an “authorized representative”. If you want to have an authorized representative, complete the Authorization of Representative form (F-10126). To get this form go to [dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp](https://dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp) or ask the local agency. If an authorized representative provides wrong information, which is used to determine your FoodShare benefits, you will be responsible for any mistakes.

## **IMMIGRATION STATUS**

To be able to get FoodShare, you must be a United States citizen or have a qualifying immigration status with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Immigration status of all people applying for FoodShare will be verified with USCIS and may affect FoodShare enrollment and benefit amount. Immigration status will NOT be verified with USCIS for any person who is not applying for FoodShare or who indicate they do not have qualifying immigration status with the USCIS. However, income from those individuals may affect FoodShare enrollment or benefit amount.

## **COLLECTION OF INFORMATION**

The collection of information on the application, including the Social Security Number of each household member applying, is authorized under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036 to determine if your household is able to take part in FoodShare Wisconsin. Information will be verified through computer matching programs and will also be used to monitor compliance with FoodShare program rules and program management.

## **COMPUTER CHECK**

Information on your application will be subject to verification through the state income and eligibility verification system. If you work, job income and wages you report will be checked by computer against wages your employer reports to the Department of Workforce Development. The IRS, Social Security Administration and Unemployment Insurance Division are also contacted about income and assets you may have. Information from these agencies may affect your household's enrollment and/or benefit amount.

If any information you give is found to be incorrect, you may be denied FoodShare benefits and/or be subject to criminal prosecution for knowingly providing false information. You must repay any benefits you get, if you gave false information. If a FoodShare claim is made against your household, information on the application, including all Social Security Numbers, may be referred to federal and state agencies, as well as private collection agencies for claims collection action.

## **FOODSHARE PENALTY WARNING**

**Any member of your household who intentionally breaks any of the following rules can be barred from FoodShare for 12 months after the first violation, 24 months after the second violation or for the first violation involving a controlled substance, and permanently for the third violation.**

- **Giving false information or hiding information to get or continue to get FoodShare benefits,**
- **Trading or selling FoodShare benefits,**
- **Using FoodShare benefits to buy nonfood items, like alcohol or tobacco,**
- **Using another person's FoodShare benefits, identification cards or other documentation.**

**Depending on the value of the misused benefits, you can also be fined up to \$250,000, imprisoned up to 20 years or both. A court can also bar you from FoodShare Wisconsin for an additional 18 months. You will be permanently disqualified if you are convicted of trafficking FoodShare benefits of \$500 or more. You will not be able to take part in FoodShare Wisconsin for 10 years if you are found to have made a fraudulent statement or representation with respect to identity and residence to receive multiple benefits at the same time. Fleeing felons and probation/parole violators are not able to take part in FoodShare Wisconsin. You may also be subject to further prosecution under other applicable federal laws.**

**If you trade (buy or sell) FoodShare benefits for a controlled substance/illegal drugs, you will be barred from the FoodShare program for a period of 2 years for the first finding and permanently for the second finding. If you trade (buy or sell) firearms, ammunition or explosives, you will be barred from FoodShare Wisconsin permanently.**