Quick Guide to State Benefits

Do you need help getting health insurance? Are you unsure how you will pay for your groceries this month? Wisconsin has many programs to help you take care of you and your family. **And, you can enroll in multiple programs with just one application.**

Did you know? One of every four Wisconsinites gets health care through a Medicaid program. BadgerCare Plus and other types of Medicaid are available to anyone who meets the income limits and other program rules.

Health Care

Full coverage Medicaid is health insurance that helps pay for your medical expenses while keeping your costs low. It includes coverage for:

- Doctor visits, vaccines, and other preventive care
- Prescription medicines and lab tests
- Urgent care and trips to the emergency room
- Surgeries and hospital stays
- Mental health and substance use treatment



Featured programs	Who is it for?
BadgerCare Plus	Low-income Wisconsin residents ages 0-64
Medicaid Purchase Plan	Adults with disabilities who are working or interested in working
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-Related Medicaid	Adults 65 and older, and people of all ages who are blind or have a disability

Limited coverage Medicaid provides extra supports to people with unique circumstances or needs.

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Family Planning Only Services	Family planning-related services and supplies for people of childbearing age
SeniorCare	Prescription drug assistance for people age 65 and older

Long-Term Care

Long-term care Medicaid provides help you may need because of a disability, getting older, or a chronic illness that limits your ability to do manage daily activities.

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Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program	Children with disabilities and their families
Family Care	Older adults and adults with disabilities
IRIS (Include, Respect, I Self-Direct)	Adults age 18 and older who need long-term support and want to manage their own services

FoodShare



You've probably heard of food stamps or SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). In Wisconsin, we call the program FoodShare. You can apply for it separately or at the same time you apply for health care. Once approved, you'll get a monthly amount of funds on a QUEST/EBT card you can use to buy food. FoodShare members 16 and older can participate in FSET (FoodShare Employment and Training). This free program can help you learn job skills, access education and training, and start a career.

Applying

You can apply for benefits whichever way is easiest for you.

- **Online:** Go to access.wi.gov to get started.
- **By phone or in person:** Contact your local agency. We recommend calling the agency ahead of time to make an appointment. Go to dhs.wi.gov/im-agency to find your agency.
- **By mail or fax**: Get a paper application from your agency or go to dhs.wi.gov/forwardhealth/apply.htm to download and print a copy.

Prepare to apply by having this information ready for each person on your application:

- ✔ Social Security number
- ✔ Date of birth
- ✔ Address
- ✔ U.S. citizenship or immigration status

We'll also ask questions about your household, income, assets, and expenses. Based on your answers, we'll let you know what benefits you can get.

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