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Community Waivers Plan

The Medicaid Community Waivers Plan helps people who are elderly, blind or have a disability to continue living in their own home or in the community, instead of a state institution or nursing home. If you are enrolled in Medicaid through the Community Waivers Plan, Medicaid may pay for certain supportive services.

You may be able to enroll in Community Waivers if you are a person who is elderly, blind or has a disability and you:

- Meet income and asset rules specific to the Community Waivers Plan (see Income and Assets);
- Meet the same rules used to qualify for Medicaid coverage of nursing home care;
- Are a citizen or qualified immigrant and are a resident of Wisconsin; and
- Live in your own home or in the community.

You may be able to enroll in a Community Waivers Plan, if you are enrolled in Medicaid or receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Income and Assets

If you are not enrolled in Medicaid or receiving SSI, the following income and asset rules be used as guidelines. The income amounts may change slightly from year to year.

Starting January 1, 2015, the amounts are:

- Your assets cannot total more than \$2,000.
- If your gross monthly income is \$2,199, or under, you may be able to enroll. You may have to pay a share of the medical costs, depending on your income.
- If your gross monthly income is more than \$2,199, but your medical cost reduce your monthly income to less than \$591.67, you may be able to enroll. In most cases, you will have to spend a portion of your income on medical services each month before being able to enroll in Medicaid.

Note: The income/asset rules for minors are based on the child's assets and income only. A minor child with a disability must also meet all rules for the Community Waivers Plans.

If you are married and live with your spouse and you are enrolled in a Community Waivers Plan, your spouse's income and many of your joint assets may be protected. Ask your agency for information on Spousal Impoverishment Protection or see the fact sheet at:

dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp.

Cost-Sharing

If you are enrolled in Community Waivers, you may have to pay some of your medical costs depending on your income. This is called "cost-sharing". Only your income will be used to determine how much you have to pay.

To request Community Waivers, contact your agency. To get the phone and address of your agency, call 1-800-362-3002 or go to dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp.

Ask about any of the rules that are not clear to you.

For More Information:

- Go to dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp,
- Contact your local agency, or
- Member Services at 1-800-362-3002 (voice) or 711(TTY).

Information provided in this document is general. To find more detailed information regarding the Community Waivers Plans, please contact your agency. To find the address of your agency go to dhs.wi.gov/em/customerhelp or call Member Services at 1-800-362-3002.

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