WISCONSIN MEDICAID —
PATIENT LIABILITY

If you get Medicaid and you are in a
nursing home or medical institution,
you may be required to help pay for
your health care cost. This is called a
“Patient Liability.” This is the amount
you will need to pay each month to the
nursing home or care facility in which
you live. The amount is based on your
monthly income after certain credits are
subtracted.

Monthly Credits
The credits we may be able to give you
are:

- A monthly personal allowance of
  $45.
- Premiums you pay for health
  insurance.
- Support for your spouse if you are
  married. (Ask your local Medicaid
  office about “Spousal Impoverish-
  ment” or go: dhs.wi.gov/medicaid).
- The monthly cost to maintain your
  home or apartment. You can only
  get this credit if a physician states
  that you are likely to return to your
  home in the next six months.
- The actual amount you pay each
  month for court-ordered attorney or
  guardian fees, or the cost to set up
  and keep a guardianship.
- The actual amount you pay each
  month for medical services not
  covered by Medicaid.
- The actual amount you pay each
  month for support payments to
  someone else.
- A job credit if you are employed.

If, after we subtract all of the credits
from your monthly income and you
have no income left, you will not have
a patient liability. If you do have
income left, that is the amount of your
patient liability. Your nursing home or
care facility will work with Medicaid to
set up and maintain the patient liability.

How to apply
You can apply for Medicaid with your
local agency in person, by mail, phone
or online at access.wi.gov. To find your
local agency or to get an application
mailed to you, go to:
dhs.wi.gov/em/CustomerHelp/, or call
1-800-362-3002.

If you apply online, you may need to
talk with someone who works at your
local agency after you submit the
application. In many cases, this can be
done over the telephone. You may need
to mail, fax or take proof of some items
(like your income, assets, bills, etc.) to
the agency before you can start getting
benefits.

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