

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES APPLICATION

Complete this form if you live in Iowa and want to get:

- ◆ Medical Assistance (Title 19 or Medicaid) – provides health care coverage
Other programs within Medical Assistance Program are:
 - Facility Care – helps pay your nursing home cost
 - Medicaid for children in foster care or subsidized adoption
 - Waiver – helps keep people at home and not in a nursing home
 - Medicare Savings Program – pays all or part of your Medicare premium
 - State Supplementary Assistance (State Supp) – help for people who are at least 65 or disabled.
- ◆ WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) – helps with checks for special foods that can be used at Iowa grocery stores and pharmacies for pregnant and postpartum women, and children under the age of 5.
- ◆ Maternal and Child Health – provides health care services for children under the age of 21 and women of childbearing age.

This is not the right form if you want to get Food Assistance or cash assistance through the Family Investment Program (FIP).

Please do not let fear of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) keep you from getting help for your family. Getting help will not keep you from gaining lawful, permanent residence, U.S. citizenship, or from sponsoring relatives.

To apply for help, follow these four easy steps:

- 1. Complete the Application**
Fill out and sign the application. Please be truthful. If you are applying for someone else, answer the questions as they relate to that person.
- 2. File the Application**
Mail or take it to the Department of Human Services (DHS) in your county. The date your help starts is based on the date the DHS office gets your application. Do not wait.
- 3. Provide Any Needed Proof**
See the table below for what is needed. Including copies of the proof will help speed up the processing of your application.
- 4. An Interview May Be Needed**
An interview may not be needed if you are applying only for a child. All adults applying for help must have an interview.

Needed Proof by Program

In addition to your application, please provide any proof needed for the program(s) you are applying for.

	Medical Assistance	Facility or Waiver	Medicare Savings Program	Foster Care-Sub Adoption	State Supp	WIC	Maternal and Child Services
Proof of who you are (ID): driver's license, birth certificate, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Proof you are a U.S. citizen or national (birth certificate with ID, U.S. passport, etc.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Proof you have applied for a Social Security Number (if you don't already have one)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Proof of any health insurance premium paid: bill, pay stub showing deduction, etc.		✓		✓	✓		
Proof of income* or any other money coming into your household	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Proof of child care, dependent adult care costs, child support or alimony paid	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Most recent statements for any bank accounts: checking, credit union, savings, etc.**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Proof of current value of stocks/bonds, life insurance, certificates of deposit, trusts**	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Proof of current living address						✓	✓

* Pay stubs from the last 30 days if you are employed or federal income tax records if you are self-employed. Award letters for Social Security Benefits, Veterans Benefits, etc.

** May not be needed if just applying for a child.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES – READ AND KEEP THIS SHEET

INFORMATION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN APPLYING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- I understand I assume full responsibility for the accuracy of the statements on this form. I understand the Department of Human Services (DHS) will use this statement to determine my eligibility for Medical Assistance.
- I understand my eligibility will not be affected by my race, creed, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, except where this is restricted by law.
- I understand that I have the right to a hearing if this application is denied or not acted upon promptly or if services granted are terminated, reduced, or suspended. I understand that I can get a hearing by making a request in writing to my local DHS office and that I may represent myself or use a lawyer, relative, friend, or other spokesperson.
- I am aware that my case may be picked by the Department for a complete Quality Control or other review of my eligibility for assistance. If my case is selected for verification, I will cooperate fully in the verification. I hereby authorize all persons to release confidential information concerning my eligibility to a DHS reviewer. I understand that failure to cooperate with such a review can result in denial or cancellation of benefits.
- I will notify my LOCAL DHS office within ten days of any changes in medical benefits or health insurance coverage. In addition, I understand that I am to notify my medical providers (doctors; pharmacist, etc.) if another party may be liable to pay my medical expenses. I will notify my LOCAL DHS office within ten days if I file an insurance claim or retain an attorney to seek payment for injuries and medical expenses resulting from those injuries that otherwise would be paid by Medicaid. Failure to comply with my responsibilities can give the Department cause to deny or terminate Medicaid eligibility.
- I understand the Department, by law, does not need my consent to recover Medicaid payments made on my behalf. The Department may intervene on my behalf to make a claim against any person or party that may be responsible for the cost of medical expenses.
- I understand that I am to reimburse the Department for any money paid to me or paid to a provider on my behalf to which I was not entitled.
- I further understand that the Department will provide documents or claim forms describing the services paid by Medicaid upon my request or the request of an attorney acting on my behalf. Such documents may also be provided to a third party when necessary to establish the extent of the Department's claim for reimbursement.
- I understand that federal and state law and rules permit access by authorized federal and state officials to Medicaid providers' records. I also fully understand that my acceptance of Medicaid is my consent for these authorized persons to have access to my medical and health care records during the time I am eligible for Medicaid, as necessary to verify appropriate Medicaid payment.
- I give my permission to tell my medical providers the status for my Medically Needy case, including the amount of my spenddown and their bills used to meet spenddown, or when a premium is due for Medicaid for Employed People with Disabilities.
- If I become enrolled in a managed health care plan, I consent to disclosure of medical information, including any clinical mental health or substance abuse information, by my medical providers to the HMO, PHP, other managed care providers or to the authorized administrative body contracted by the managed care provider to determine appropriateness, quality, or utilization of services I received while enrolled in managed health care.
- I understand that if Medical Assistance is approved, support payments intended for medical costs must be assigned and paid to the Department of Human Services to the extent of the benefits I receive. I understand that the Department may intervene, according but not limited to, Iowa Code Chapters 252A, 252B, 252C, 252D, 598, and 600B, to make claim and secure support from any person or party who may be responsible for my support or that of my children. I understand that if I receive Medicaid, the Department may pursue non-medical support for myself and my children unless I notify the Department that services unrelated to medical support are not wanted. Medical support services include the establishment of paternity and the establishment and enforcement of medical support.
- I am aware that Section 1128B of the Social Security Act provides federal penalties for fraudulent acts and false reporting. Anyone who obtains, or tries to obtain, or helps any other person to obtain public assistance to which the person is not entitled is guilty of violating the laws of the state of Iowa. These laws include, but are not limited to, Iowa Code Chapters 243, 239B, 249A, and 249A.
- I understand and agree that I will need to provide the Department with either documentation from the Immigration and Naturalization (INS) or other documents the Department considers to be proof of the immigration status of each person in my household who is not a United States citizen or national. I understand that alien status may be subject to verification with INS, which will require submission of certain information from this application form to INS. I further understand that information received from INS may affect my household's eligibility and level of benefits.
- If I filled out a separate application for food assistance and that application was referred to the Food Stamp Investigation Unit, I will cooperate with the investigation in order to receive Medicaid when the investigation involves income, resources and household composition that affect my Medicaid eligibility.
- I understand that the facts I give determine financial eligibility. A medical certification is also needed prior to approval for certain Medical Assistance programs. To determine medical certification, the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) Medical Services may need to contact my physician. I authorize my physician or health care provider to release information to IME Medical Services for this purpose. I agree to allow DHS to disclose the filing of this application to my nursing facility in order to obtain the level of care determination necessary for eligibility. A copy of this form received by fax will be given the same effect as the original.

MORE INFORMATION FOR ADULTS APPLYING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- I will notify the LOCAL DHS office of any change in my information on this application, including but not limited to, anticipated income or property such as an inheritance, lump-sum payments on delinquent child support, or any change in income or living arrangements of myself or any other member of my family. If I have any doubt whether a particular change in circumstances is information that must be reported, I shall report this to my LOCAL office no later than ten days from the date the change occurs. I also understand that I am to pay back to the Department any money received by me or paid to a vendor on my behalf to which I was not entitled.
- I understand payments under the Medical Insurance Program (Part B of Medicare) will be made directly to the physicians and medical suppliers on any future unpaid bills for medical and other health services furnished me while eligible for Medicaid.
- I authorize the DHS to share information from this application, and information about my condition from the designated Assessment Tool with IME Medical Services for all home and community based service (HCBS) waivers and the Area Agency on Aging Case Management Team for my HCBS elderly waiver services.

INFORMATION FOR THOSE APPLYING FOR WIC OR MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES

- I understand that a declaration of income and persons in my family and living in my household is necessary to ensure that federal and state funds are directed to those persons least able to secure services from other sources.
- I understand that the Maternal and Child Health Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, the WIC Director, or their designees shall have access to all information available from records maintained by the agency providing maternal health, child health, or WIC services.