



# Division of Developmental Disabilities

## Medicaid Eligibility for the Supports Program

	<b>Supplemental Security Income (SSI)</b>	<b>New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Program</b>	<b>New Jersey WorkAbility</b>
<b>Overview</b>	Federal income supplement program designed to help people who are "aged, blind, and/or disabled" who have little/no income. SSI provides monthly cash payment to meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter.	Special program that provides Medicaid for individuals who are 65 years of age or older, blind or disabled and are unable to afford the health care they need.	Offers full New Jersey Medicaid health coverage to individuals with disabilities who are working, and whose earnings would otherwise make them ineligible for Medicaid. Eligible individuals pay a small premium and receive full New Jersey Medicaid coverage.
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aged (65+); blind; or disabled; &amp;</li> <li>• Limited income and resources (<i>The 2013 monthly income limit is \$741.25 &amp; resource limit is \$2000</i>); &amp;</li> <li>• U.S. citizen or national, or in one of certain categories of aliens; &amp;</li> <li>• Resident of one of the 50 States; D.C. Northern Mariana Islands; &amp;</li> <li>• Not absent from the country for 30 consecutive days or more.</li> </ul> <p>You may obtain your current benefit information, award letters, etc. or make changes to your contact information by going to the My Social Security website:  <a href="http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/">http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aged (65+) and/or determined to be blind or disabled by either the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services (DMAHS); &amp;</li> <li>• Resident of New Jersey; &amp;</li> <li>• U.S. citizen or qualified alien (<i>Most immigrants who arrived after August 22, 1996 will be barred from Medicaid for five years from receipt of a Green Card</i>); &amp;</li> <li>• Financially eligible (<i>The 2013 monthly Income limit is \$958 and Resource Limit is \$4000</i>).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between the ages of 16–64; &amp;</li> <li>• Working (full/part-time) with proof of employment; &amp;</li> <li>• Determined "disabled" by the SSA, or DMAHS; &amp;</li> <li>• <i>Financial limits for 2013</i>: Approximate earned income no more than \$58,236 (gross income) per year for eligible individuals (\$4,853 per month), or no more than \$78,348 (gross income) per year for eligible couples (\$6,529 per month) - both with permanent disability, both working; &amp;</li> <li>• Unearned income (pensions, child support, etc.) up to \$958 per month for eligible individuals or up to \$1,293 for eligible couples; &amp;</li> <li>• No more than \$20,000 in liquid assets as an individual, or \$30,000 as a couple.</li> </ul> <p><u>Please note:</u>            Social Security Disability Benefits, Railroad Retirement System Benefits (received by an individual on their own account), retirement accounts (like an IRA or 401K) and the value of owned home and car are all disregarded.</p>
<b>Application Process</b>	Made through local Social Security offices. To locate an office, go to: <a href="https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp">https://secure.ssa.gov/apps6z/FOLO/fo001.jsp</a>  It is recommended to call your local office first to see if an appointment is needed.	Made at the County Welfare Agencies/Board of Social Services. To locate an office, go to: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/">http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/</a>	Made at the County Welfare Agencies/Board of Social Services. To locate an office, go to: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/">http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dfd/programs/njsnap/cwa/</a>
<b>Required Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of age;</li> <li>• Proof of citizenship;</li> <li>• Social Security card or record of SSN;</li> <li>• Documentation related to income &amp; resources (<i>Copies of your checking account(s), savings account(s), trust(s) including life insurance and special needs, annuities, payroll slips, burial fund records, and other information about your income and the things you own. Be sure to include the account numbers for all documents.</i>);</li> <li>• Names, addresses, and phone numbers of doctors, hospitals and clinics that you have been to, if applying because you are disabled or blind.</li> </ul> <p>For a more complete list, go to:  <a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.pdf">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/11000.pdf</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of age;</li> <li>• Proof of citizenship;</li> <li>• Proof of marital status (if married);</li> <li>• Documentation related to Power of Attorney/Third Party Signator/Guardianship (if applicable);</li> <li>• Documentation related to income &amp; resources (<i>Copies of your checking account(s), savings account(s), trust(s) including life insurance and special needs, annuities, copies of life insurance policies with cash value, etc.</i>).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof of age;</li> <li>• Proof of citizenship;</li> <li>• Proof of marital status (if married);</li> <li>• Social Security card or record of SSN;</li> <li>• Documentation related to income &amp; resources (<i>Copies of your checking account(s), savings account(s), trust(s) including life insurance and special needs, annuities, payroll slips, burial fund records, and other information about your income and the things you own. Be sure to include the account numbers for all documents</i>);</li> <li>• Proof of employment (<i>pay stubs, employment contract, etc.</i>);</li> <li>• Documentation related to Power of Attorney/Third Party Signator/Guardianship (if applicable).</li> </ul>
<b>Additional Information</b>	<a href="http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm">http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/text-eligibility-ussi.htm</a>  1-800-772-1213	See document: <i>Applying for Medicaid New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Programs Check List</i> .  1-609-588-2556	Division of Disability Services  1-888-285-3036



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### **What should I do if I am denied Medicaid or SSI because my income or resources are too high?**

You should inquire about your eligibility for New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Program or New Jersey WorkAbility.

### **What should I do if I lose my SSI and Medicaid coverage because I begin receiving Social Security Benefits on my parent's account and/or there was an increase in those benefits?**

You may be eligible to continue receiving Medicaid benefits as a "Disabled Adult Child" (DAC) if you meet the following criteria: (1) You are at least 18 years old; (2) You have become disabled or blind prior to age 22; (3) You have been receiving SSI on the basis of your disability; and (4) You have lost SSI as a result of your parent's insurance benefits under Social Security or as a result of an increase in those benefits.

If you have a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) verifying that you are eligible for DAC status, take this letter to your County Welfare Agencies (CWA) for consideration of Medicaid eligibility under the DAC status. If you do not have any documentation verifying that you are eligible for DAC status, it is recommended that you contact SSA and obtain a letter prior to going to your CWA.

### **What should I do if I lose my SSI and Medicaid coverage because of receiving SSDI resulting in my income exceeding the SSI income limit?**

You may be eligible to continue receiving Medicaid benefits through the New Jersey Care...Special Medicaid Program option or New Jersey WorkAbility. You should contact your County Welfare Agency (CWA) and schedule an appointment to complete the application. Be sure to take the required documents with you.

### **Once I have been determined eligible for Medicaid, is that determination permanent?**

No. If your income, resources or living arrangements change at any time, it may affect your eligibility. Both Medicaid and SSI conduct eligibility redeterminations on an ongoing basis to verify that you remain eligible. It is imperative that you comply with all redeterminations as failure to do so may cause your benefits to be suspended or terminated.

### **If I lose my Medicaid eligibility, will I still be able to access the Supports Program?**

No. You will not be able to access the Supports Program unless you maintain Medicaid eligibility.