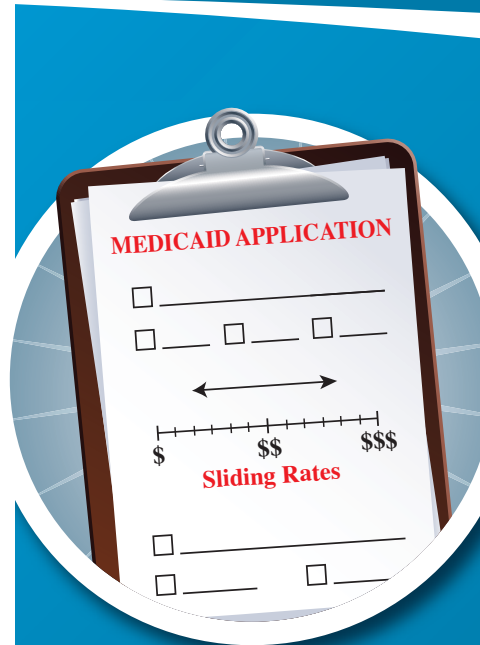


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WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Most of the services available for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities are funded through the Illinois Medicaid system.
- When services become available, it is important that you know if you or your family member can sign up for Medical Assistance quickly. If you do this ahead of time, the whole process will move more quickly.
- For people over the age of 18, eligibility for Medical Assistance is based on the person's own income - not their parents' income. For children under 18 years old, eligibility is a combination of income and other conditions.
- Medical Assistance enrollment has some financial limitations - for example, each adult cannot have more than \$2,000 in assets; however, there are some exemptions that a benefits counselor will help you figure out. It's best to talk with someone about the details.
- If you are only applying for Medical Assistance (and not other benefits), you can apply online, or in-person at your local Family Community Resource Center. You will need the following information for the person applying: Proof of identity/photo ID; Full names and date of birth; Social Security numbers; Proof of where you or your family member lives; Information about all of the income everyone received; Amount of housing costs; and any utilities the person has paid.
- How much can be spent on services is often called "rate setting." Rates vary from one person to the next, based on each person's unique circumstances.
- The amount spent for services varies for each person and is usually based on the type and amount of need. Your family member will be asked to participate in an evaluation to determine what kind of service is needed and how much of that service before a rate can be identified.



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WHO COULD BE INVOLVED?

- Illinois Department of Human Services has a Family Community Resource Center in every county. Each local center employs a Benefits Counselor who will meet with you to determine your family member's assets and see if they meet the criteria for Medicaid eligibility.
- Your ISC will help you complete an evaluation called an ICAP Tool- Inventory for Client and Agency Planning- which will contribute to the determination of funding amounts.
- When services are available, the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities, will have Community Services Staff check the documents and records submitted to make sure they are all accurate and completely filled in, before submitting to the finance office for a decision on a rate.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

**IDHS Bureau of Customer Inquiry and Assistance:
1-800-843-6154 TTY: 1-800-447-6404**

Apply for Medical Assistance here:
<https://abe.illinois.gov/abe/access/>

Contact your local Independent Service Coordination Agency:

The Family Community Resource Center in your local county.

If you are not sure where your local FCRC office is located, use the DHS Office Locator at:
<http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?module=12>

Or Call the State of Illinois Division of Developmental Disabilities:
1-888-DDPLANS (1-888-337-5267)
TTY: 1-866-376-8446

Or Check us out on the web: <http://www.dhs.state.il.us>
Choose *for Customers*, and then choose *Developmental Disabilities* from the list.

Or, visit our rate setting manual on our DHS website:
<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=16043>

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