Helpful Websites:

Information on Government Assistance

If you have questions about the Medically Needy Program or other Public Assistance benefits, want to see a list of our service centers, fax numbers or apply for benefits, visit our website:
www.MyFLFamilies.com

Medical Coverage for Children under age 19:

www.Floridakidcare.org
OR
www.healthykids.org

The following websites provide information on various programs for free or low cost prescriptions for certain medications:

www.benefitscheckup.org
www.medicare.gov
www.pparx.org
www.needymeds.com
www.rxassist.org
www.aarp.org/fl
www.togetherrxaccess.com
www.nacds.org

You may contact the Elder Helpline at (800) 963-5337.

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An Explanation of "Share of Cost"

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What is the Medically Needy Program?

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) determines eligibility for the Medically Needy Program. It may also be referred to as the "Share of Cost" program. The Medically Needy Program assists individuals who would qualify for Medicaid except for having income that is too high.

What is a "share of cost"?

Individuals enrolled in Medically Needy may have a monthly "share of cost", which is similar to an insurance deductible. The share of cost is determined by household size and gross monthly income. When there are changes to the household size and income, the share of cost amount may change.

How does the "share of cost" work?

Submit any allowable unpaid or paid medical expenses to DCF to determine if the share of cost has been met. Once the allowable medical expenses equal the share of cost, the individual is eligible for Medicaid for the rest of that month.

Example #1: Your share of cost is $800. You go to the hospital on May 10 and send us the bill for $1000. You have met your share of cost. If the provider accepts Medicaid, that bill will be paid and you will be eligible for Medicaid through the end of May.

Example #2: Your share of cost is $800. You go to the hospital on May 10 and receive a bill for $750. On May 12 you go to the physician and receive a bill for $150. You send us both bills. Your share of cost was met on May 12th because the total of the two medical expenses were more than the amount of your share of cost. If the provider accepts Medicaid, the May 12th bill will be paid and you will be eligible for Medicaid through the end of May. (These are only examples.)

Some examples of medical expenses that can be used to meet the "share of cost"

- Unpaid medical bills owed that have not been used to meet the share of cost before.
- Medical bills the individual paid within the last three months.
- Health insurance premiums
- Medical bills that will not be paid by health insurance or any other source.
- Co-pays for medical bills.
- Medical services prescribed by a doctor.
- Transportation by ambulance, bus or taxi to get medical care.

Some examples of medical expenses that *cannot be used to meet the "share of cost"*

- Premiums for insurance policies that pay the individual money for hospitalization
- Over the counter medical supplies, such as bandages, cold remedies, etc.

Whose medical expenses can be used to meet the "share of cost"?

Allowable medical expenses can be used to meet the share of cost for any household member whose income and needs are considered to determine Medicaid eligibility, even if that individual is not Medicaid eligible.

More information about "share of cost" program

Visit our web address below for additional information about the Medically Needy Program, to apply for benefits, or a listing of DCF service centers and fax numbers.

How to submit proof of medical expenses?

Proof of medical expenses can be submitted through the MyACCESS portal (MyACCESS.myflfamilies.com), by fax, mail, or in person. Be sure to include your name and case number on medical expenses.

Some examples of proof of medical expenses are:

- Medical bills an individual received.
- Receipts for medical bills.
- Cancelled checks for paid medical bills.

Visit https://www.myflfamilies.com/services/public-assistance/additional-resources-and-services/FRC for a listing of service center locations and fax numbers.

What services are covered by Medicaid?

For additional information about the Medicaid program, visit: www.ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid

Important Information

Some medical providers do not accept Medicaid or Medically Needy.

Remember to tell your provider that you are on Medically Needy before making an appointment.

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