

## ADULT MEDICAL PROGRAM (AMP)

Adults between the ages of 21 and 64 who are not eligible for Medicaid or other DHS medical aid programs may be eligible to get help with medical expenses from AMP.

People eligible for AMP are those who have no minor children (their own) living in their home and are receiving State Disability Assistance (SDA), or those who are not disabled and meet the income and asset requirements for SDA and do not receive cash grants. Basic services provided include, among others: physician services with a \$5 or \$10 copay, prescribed medications with a \$5 or \$10 copay per prescription, laboratory services, limited outpatient hospital services, medical supplies, and ambulance transportation to an outpatient hospital or emergency room.

## LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Low-income households may be eligible for energy crisis assistance through the SER program. To be eligible, you must have a heat or electric shutoff notice, be out of deliverable fuel (oil, propane, coal, etc.), or need a furnace repair/replacement.

There are annual limits based on available funding. For more information you may visit our Web site at:

[www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance](http://www.michigan.gov/heatingassistance)

All low-income households may apply for the Home Heating Credit. The Michigan Department of Treasury determines eligibility and issues payment. You do not need to file a tax return to apply. Applications are available at public libraries, post offices and other places tax forms are available. The application period is January to September 30.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE (MA/MEDICAID)

The Medical Assistance program, also called Medicaid, provides necessary medical care for people receiving FIP or Supplemental Security Income and for other low-income people who are pregnant, have minor dependent children, are disabled, blind, under age 21, or age 65 or older.

Services covered by Medicaid include, among others: hospital, nursing home, home health, and physician services; limited chiropractic, podiatric, vision, hearing, and dental services; x-ray and lab tests; occupational, physical, and speech therapy; maternity and family planning services; prenatal care and delivery services; medical supplies and equipment; pharmacy and medical supplies; allergy testing and treatment; mental health care; limited ambulance services; substance abuse services; and diabetes education.

If you are eligible for Medicaid and have hospital insurance, that insurance must be used before Medicaid will pay.

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Throughout Michigan, victims and their dependent children can get help from one of the 44 agencies funded by the Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. Many crisis and support services are available. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at (800) 799-7233 to locate the nearest agency or visit our Web site at: [www.mich.gov/domesticviolence](http://www.mich.gov/domesticviolence)

Department of Human Services (DHS) will not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability. If you need help with reading, writing, hearing, etc., under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you are invited to make your needs known to a DHS office in your area.

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***The Michigan  
Department of  
Human Services  
may be able to help  
you with temporary  
assistance!***

**Contact your local *Michigan Department of Human Services* office—listed in the telephone directory—for details about these programs.**



**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
Department of Human Services**

## FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP)

Families with children may be eligible for financial assistance from the Family Independence Program until they are able to help themselves.

The children must be under the age of 18, or 18 or 19 and attending high school full time, and expected to graduate before reaching age 20.

The family must be considered needy, based upon department standards.

A family can have \$3,000 worth of assets (only cash, checking accounts, savings accounts, investments, retirement plans and trust are counted) and still be eligible for FIP.

Families with income may be eligible, depending upon the amount of the income received.

## STATE DISABILITY ASSISTANCE (SDA)

SDA is a cash assistance program for individuals who are disabled, or the caretaker of a person with a disability.

You are considered to be **needy** if:

- Your assets are not worth more than \$3,000 (only cash, checking accounts, savings accounts, investments, retirement plans and trusts are counted).
- Your monthly countable income is less than the payment standard. For single people living independently, the payment standard is \$264 per month.

In addition, you must be **unable to work** for at least 90 days, as certified by a DHS medical examiner, or:

- Receiving SSI, Social Security, or Medicaid based on a disability or blindness.
- Receiving special education services.
- Receiving services from the Michigan Rehabilitation Service.
- Diagnosed as having AIDS, as certified by a DHS medical examiner.
- Living in an adult foster care home, a home for the aged, a county infirmary, or a substance abuse treatment center.
- Receiving substance abuse services for 30 days after leaving a residential treatment center.
- Taking care of a disabled person who lives with you.
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## STATE EMERGENCY RELIEF (SER)

This program provides limited assistance to individuals and families facing emergencies that threaten their health or safety.

Anyone can apply for SER, not just those who receive other assistance from DHS.

In order for a person or a family to be eligible for SER, the emergency must threaten health or safety and must not have been caused by the individual or family seeking assistance. The emergency must be one that the payment can resolve and one which is not likely to happen again.

Services are available to:

- Prevent homelessness or provide shelter for the homeless.
- Prevent the loss of a safe, affordable home.
- Correct unsafe conditions and restore essential services in a safe, affordable home.
- Provide food if the individual or family is not eligible for food assistance (FAP).
- Prevent shutoff of water and cooking gas or restore those services when necessary to prevent serious harm to a family.
- Pay for burial or cremation, within certain limitations, when the deceased person's estate, together with contributions from family and friends, will not cover the cost.
- Provide emergency shelter for homeless people through a contract with the Salvation Army (for more information call 1-800-274-3583).

## FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS (FAP)

Food Assistance benefits help low-income individuals or families purchase food.

The amount of food assistance benefits is determined by the household's size and income. In determining income, the household's expenses are taken into consideration, such as dependent care, shelter, medical and child support payments.

Food Assistance and cash (FIP/SDA) benefits are issued electronically with the use of debit card technology. The debit card, known as the "Michigan Bridge card," and a personal identification number (PIN) are used to access the food account at participating retailers.