

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

Low-income households may be eligible for energy crisis assistance through the State Emergency Relief (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 website at:

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 goal of the Medicaid program is to ensure that essential health care services are made available to those who otherwise could not afford them. Medicaid is also known as Medical Assistance (MA). The Medicaid program comprise several sub-programs or categories. To receive MA under an Supplemental Security Income (SSI) related category, the person must be aged (65 or older), blind, disabled, entitled to Medicare or formerly blind or disabled.

Medicaid eligibility for children under 19, parents or caretakers of children, pregnant or recently pregnant women, former foster children, MOMS, MICHild, Flint Water Group and Healthy Michigan Plan is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology.

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 other insurance, that insurance must be used before Medicaid will pay.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Throughout Michigan, victims and their dependent children can get help from agencies funded by the Michigan Domestic and Sexual 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 website at: www.mich.gov/domesticviolence

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, religion, age, national origin, color, height, weight, marital status, genetic information, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, political beliefs or disability.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services may be able to help with temporary assistance!

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



FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP)

FIP is a cash assistance program to help low-income families with minor children or pregnant women to become self-supporting and independent.

To qualify for FIP you must have:

- Children living in the home under the age of 18 or age 18 attending high school full time or be pregnant. Children ages 6-18 must attend school full time.
- Low Income.
- Cash assets less than \$3,000 and property assets less than \$200,000.
- Not received FIP for more than the federal 60-month time limit or the state's 48-month lifetime limit unless you qualify for an exception or exemption month. This includes cash assistance you may have received in another state.

FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP) BENEFITS

FAP benefits help low-income individuals or families purchase food.

The amount of FAP 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/State Disability Assistance-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.

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 \$200 per month.

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

- Receiving Supplemental Security Income (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 MDHHS 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.

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 MDHHS.

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 800-274-3583).