




A Public Benefits Quick Reference Guide: Food, Cash, and Medical Assistance

Program Title	Eligibility Guidelines	Start of Benefit	Appeal DI's	Benefit Amount
Food Assistance Programs				
			General To Cont. Benefits	
 <p>SNAP WAG 14-02-02</p>	<p>Income < 165% FPL (\$1,619 for 1 person); < 200% FPL (\$1,962 for 1 person) if HH has eligible "qualifying member"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Qualifying member" = 60+ or disabled <p>No asset limit for most Households SNAP Household = persons who purchase and prepare food together Spouses living together must be included in same SNAP household; children < 22 living with parent must all be in same SNAP household</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNAP is administered by DHS Benefits are paid on Link card 	Effective the day of the application; processed in 30 days; must receive benefits by 30th day	90 day appeal deadline	<p>10 days from date of DHS notice/ date of chg. <i>*whichever is later</i></p> <p>Varies by income, # persons in HH Max. 1 person = \$194/per mo. on LINK card, if no other income (for non-qualifying/qualifying member HH's) Max. 2 people = \$357/per mo. on LINK card, if no other income (for non-qualifying/qualifying member HH's) <i>*Change annually</i></p>
<p>Expedited SNAP WAG 02-08-00</p>	<p>Income + assets (total) ≤ rent/mortgage + utilities (total); (or) income of application month = total ≤ \$150 & ≤ \$100 in liquid assets (or) 1 ≤ person in HH = migrant worker & cash + liquids ≤ \$100</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant interview = same or next work day as application date (PM 02-08-02-b). 	Effective from date of applic; processed on the 5th day after applic.		See benefits above. <i>*SNAP should be approved even if client has no mailing address; DHS address can be used as mailing address</i> PM 02-07-03-d
Cash Assistance Programs				
 <p>TANF (cash grant) PM Chapter 10</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pregnant women (and husbands), families w/ children < 19 yr.; Children 18-19 yr. must be enrolled in high school or equivalent Non-exempt family income must be < TANF payment level No asset limit Must cooperate with child support enforcement, unless good cause or not a parent Adults < 60 must cooperate with work or training activity, unless barrier is noted (i.e. medical reasons) or family has child < 1 yr. SSI recipients are excluded from TANF household & income 60 month lifetime limit on receipt of TANF for adults. Several exceptions. DV/sexual violence victims may be excused from requirements Administered by DHS Benefits paid on Link card 	Effective 30 days from the date of application; benefits received by 45th day	60 day appeal deadline	<p>10 days from date of DHS notice/ date of chg. <i>*whichever is later</i></p> <p>TANF Benefit amounts vary by income, number of persons in the family, and region of the state (e.g. for a family of 3 in Winnebago County, max. benefits amount is \$432; in McLean County max. benefits amount is \$417).</p>
<p>TANF Crisis Assistance PM 06-03-01</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible for TANF and need assistance due to a crisis--DV/sexual violence, eviction, or natural disaster (i.e. fire, flood) Administered by DHS 	Effective day of application; processed within 5 days ; +2 days (proc.)		Helps to address crisis; e.g. Rent voucher, clothing voucher, furniture voucher, food voucher
<p>AABD (cash grant) aka State Supplemental Payment WAG 03-02-02</p> <p>SSI (cash grant) SSA.gov</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 65+, blind, or disabled; SSI Recipient, or ineligible for SSI due to income, or qualified non-citizen who does not meet SSI immigration requirements A person will qualify if total needs > non-exempt income by \$1 Administered by DHS 	Effective 30 days from the date of applic.	60 day appeal deadline	<p>10 days from date of DHS notice/ date of chg. <i>*whichever is later</i></p> <p>Small cash amount (e.g. \$70) <i>*Based on need of individuals, calculated by allowances</i></p>
<p>General Assistance, "GA" (cash grant or voucher) <i>*Not available in Cook County</i> Illinoislegalaid.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits of "last resort"—cannot be eligible for TANF or SSI Administered by local townships; amounts vary by township, general rules guided by state statutes Must have very low-income, or no income Apply at local Township 	May vary by township; generally processed within 30 – 45 days of applic.	Gen. 60 day appeal deadline	<p>Min. 10 days from date of notice <i>*whichever is later</i></p> <p>Assistance meeting basic needs, like shelter and food (e.g. \$160-245/mo.) Covers emergency, disaster, medical, & rental assistance <i>**Funeral and Burial Costs incl.</i></p>

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Medical Assistance Programs

Medicaid *Apply online at abe.illinois.gov

<p>ACA Adult (Adults Ages 19-64)</p> 	<p>138% of FPL (133% + 5%) this is the Medicaid expansion group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤\$1,366/mo. for 1 person • Cannot be eligible for Medicare • No asset limit for community care; assets <u>only</u> counted for LTC coverage 	<p>Effective up to 3 months before application if eligible in those months</p>	<p>60 day appeal deadline</p>	<p>10 days from date of DHS notice/ date of chg. <i>*whichever is later</i></p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage (doctor, hospital, drugs, vision, dental regular check-ups, etc.), + Long-Term Care (LTC) <i>*Funeral and burial is not covered</i></p>
<p>ACA FamilyCare (Parents & Caretaker Relatives)</p> <p>WAG 18-05-09</p>	<p>138% of FPL (133% + 5%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤\$1,366/mo. for 1 person • Must be living with children age ≤ 18 	<p>Same</p>	<p>60 day appeal deadline</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage</p>	
<p>AABD w/out Spend-Down (Seniors/ Disabilities)</p> <p>WAG 03-02-02</p>	<p>100% of FPL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤\$1015 (\$990+\$25)/mo. for 1 person • Less than \$1,385 (\$1335+\$50) for a married couple • Must be blind, disabled or 65+ • Asset limit \$2000 for 1, \$3000 for couple 	<p>Same</p>	<p>60 day appeal deadline</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage; If over income for Medicaid, may still be eligible for Spend-Down</p>	
<p>AABD w/ Spend-Down (Seniors/ Disabilities)</p> <p>WAG I-03-01</p>	<p>If eligible for AABD, but income > 100% FPL or assets > \$2,000/\$3000 asset limit <u>May spend down</u> excess income and/or assets to become eligible for Medicaid coverage May also enroll in "Pay-In Spend-down" to pay HFS directly to become eligible PM 15-08-15</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage after spend-down is met; need to show DHS medical expenses or pay in spend-down</p>	
<p>All Kids Assist (Children <19)</p> <p>WAG 15-06-01-D</p>	<p>147% of FPL (142% + 5%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤\$1,962/mo. for 2 people • No asset limit or citizenship test requirement 	<p>Same</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage Covers all kids ages ≤19 yr. No premiums; no co-pay</p>	
<p>All Kids Share (Children <19)</p> <p>WAG 06-08-00</p>	<p>Between 147% and 157% of FPL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No asset test • \$1,963 thru \$2,096/mo. for 2 ppl. • No citizenship test requirement 	<p>Same</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage Covers all kids ages ≤19 yr. No prem; \$100 max. co-pay per family</p>	
<p>All Kids Premium Lvl 1 (Children <19)</p> <p>WAG 06-08-01-a</p>	<p>Between 157% and 209% of FPL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,097 thru \$2,790/mo. for 2 ppl. • No asset limit or citizenship test requirement 	<p>Same</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage Covers all kids ages ≤19 yr. Max. Mo. Prem.: \$40 for 5+ children; \$100 max. co-pay per family</p>	
<p>All Kids Premium Lvl 2</p>	<p>Between 209% and 318% of FPL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,791 - \$4,245/mo. For 2 ppl. • No asset test or citizenship test requirement 	<p>Same</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Full Medicaid coverage Covers all kids ages ≤19 yr. Max. Mo. Prem.: \$80 for 2 or more children; \$500 max. co-pay per child</p>	
<p>Moms and Babies (Pregnant Women, Newborns)</p> <p>WAG 06-09-00</p>	<p>213% of FPL (208% + 5%)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≤\$2,844/mo. for 2 people • No citizenship test requirement or asset limit 	<p>Same</p>	<p>Same</p>	<p>Full range of Medicaid coverage for up to 60 days after pregnancy</p>	

Medicare & Medicare Savings Plans

<p>Medicare</p> <p>Medicare.gov</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social security retirement benefits, age 65+ • Blind or disabled (if under 65) and received Title II Benefits for 24 months • Need to enroll when first eligible, penalty if delay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at SSA 	<p>120 days from the initial decision</p>	<p>Part A (Hospitalization), Part B (Doctor), Part C (HMO – type option), Part D (Drug coverage)</p>
<p>QMB (Medicare)</p> <p>WAG 06-12-00</p>	<p>Income <100% of FPL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 person income = \$1015 (\$990+\$25)/mo. • Assets: ≤\$7,280 for 1 person/≤\$10,930 for couples • Administered by DHS, State program to help pay Medicare costs • \$25 income disregard for QMB, SLIB, and Qi-1; in some cases the \$25 disregard may also apply to spouse or dependent income. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply at DHS • Online at abe.illinois.gov 	<p>Same</p>	<p>Pays Medicare Part A & Part B Premiums/Copays/Deductibles</p>

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SLIB (Medicare) WAG 06-13-00	100% thru 120% FPL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 person's income = \$1016 thru \$1,212/mo. Same assets as QMB State program to help pay Medicare costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply at DHS Online at abe.illinois.gov 	Pays Medicare Part B Premiums
QI-1 PM 06-14-01	120% thru 135% FPL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 person's income = \$1,213 thru \$1,361/mo. (+\$468/person) Same assets as QMB State program to help pay Medicare costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply at DHS Online at abe.illinois.gov 	Pays Medicare Part B Premiums
Extra Help (Medicare) MR #14.10	Income < 150% of FPL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply at SSA 	Helps pay Medicare Part D costs

Other Healthcare

Health Insurance Marketplace GetCoveredIllinois.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job-based insurance must be unavailable, unaffordable or does not meet ACA requirements Must not be eligible for Medicaid or Medicare Family chooses plan. Plans have premiums, deductibles and co-pays Financial assistance available for these costs if income ≤400% FPL (\$3960/mo for 1 person); amount of assistance depends on income 	<p>Go online to Get Covered Illinois website, or call (866) 311-1119 to apply</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open/Closed Enrollment Periods <i>Special Enrollment Periods may apply</i> 	<p>Appeal request must be made within 90 days of determination; Decision issued within 90 days of request</p>	<p>Covers 10 essential health benefits, pre-existing conditions, and preventative care</p>
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