

DSS Mission

To partner with individuals, families, and communities to strengthen their efforts toward Independence, Permanence, and Safety.

Income Maintenance Mission

To provide timely and accurate public assistance (Medicaid) to all who wish to apply while at the same time facilitating personal responsibility on the part of the recipient to enable self-sufficiency and separation from public assistance.

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[www.buncombecounty.org/
governing/depts/dss/economics](http://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/dss/economics)

What Is Adult Medicaid?

Adult Medicaid is a program to assist aged, blind and disabled individuals with the cost of medical care.

Am I Eligible?

Eligibility is based on resource and income guidelines.

How Do I Apply?

If you or someone you know is interested in the program, call (828) 250-5500 or visit Adult Assistance at DSS located on the first floor across from the reception window.

An Income Maintenance Caseworker will help you by taking and processing your application to determine if you meet the resource and income guidelines for the program you select.

Adult Medicaid mail-in applications can also be obtained and returned by mail.

Our work is guided by professional ethics and values that are designed to safeguard your privacy and confidentiality. If you have any concerns about how you have been treated, contact your worker's supervisor. If you are unsure who to contact, please call the Director's office at (828) 250-5587.

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Economic Services Division

Adult Medicaid Programs



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Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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What Services Are Available To Me?

Special Assistance Programs

- **Medicaid For Special Assistance To The Blind**

A medical assistance program for recipients of Special Assistance to the Blind money payments.

- **Adult Care Home Assistance**

Cash payments and medical assistance for eligible aged, disabled and blind individuals residing in a licensed adult care home facility.

- **In-Home Assistance**

Cash payments and medical assistance for eligible aged, blind and disabled individuals residing at home who are at risk of placement in an adult care home.

Be Smart Program

Medical assistance provided for women ages 19 through 55 and men ages 19 through 60 which provides full reproductive health care to low income men and women who would otherwise not have access to such care.

Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1)

A limited Medicaid program which pays Medicare B premiums only. Funding for the program is limited per calendar year. Approvals are based on a first come first serve basis.

Long Term Care

Long-term care is extended care in a hospital or medical facility. Medicaid helps to pay the cost of care for an eligible individual.

Medicaid To The Aged

A program of medical assistance for individuals age 65 and over.

Qualified Disabled Working Individuals

Individual who is eligible for Medicaid payments of Medicare Part A premiums after automatic entitlement to free Part A ends due to individual's earnings and whose income does not exceed 200% of poverty level. This is the only Medicaid benefit covered by this program.

Medicaid To The Blind

A program of medical assistance for individuals of any age who meet Social Security's definition of disability.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries

A limited Medicaid program which pays a recipient's Medicare premiums, deductibles and co-payments only.

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries

A limited Medicaid program which pays a recipient's Medicare B premiums only.

Medicaid To The Disabled

A program of medical assistance for individuals under age 65 who meet Social Security's definition of disability.

**For Further
Information On
Services Call
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