



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the McDowell County Department of Social Services is to respectfully assist families and individuals by helping them to maintain and/or enhance their quality of life, and to prevent abuse, neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable people in our community.

### **Caseworker's Motto**

To treat others as you would want to be treated yourself ...with care and compassion in a time of need. Please let us know if we can be of any assistance!

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### **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 this program, please call us at (828) 652-3355, visit [www.mcdowellcountyncdss.org](http://www.mcdowellcountyncdss.org) or the office at 145 East Court Street, Marion NC 28752 (Down Courthouse hill, go through the Red Light, 2 blocks on the left).

An Income Maintenance Caseworker will assist you with the application, and determine if you or someone you know meets the resource and income guidelines for the program you select.

Adult Medicaid mail-in applications can be obtained online or at DSS and returned by mail.

## **McDowell County Adult Medicaid Program**

Hours of Operation  
Monday-Friday  
8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Phone (828) 652-3355  
Fax (828) 652-9167

<http://www.mcdowellcountyncdss.org/>

or

Visit us at 145 East Court Street,  
Marion NC 28752



### **Medicaid To The Blind**

A program of medical assistance for individuals of any age who meet Social Security's definition of blind and are below certain income and resource limits.

### **Special Assistance Programs**

Adult Care Home Assistance provides cash payments and medical assistance for eligible aged, disabled or blind individuals residing in a licensed adult care home facility.

In-home Assistance is cash payments and medical assistance for eligible aged, blind or disabled individuals residing at home who are at risk of placement in an adult care home.

Medicaid for Special Assistance to the Blind is a monetary payment program for recipients of Special Assistance to the Blind.

### **Medicaid to the Disabled**

A full coverage program of medical assistance for individuals under age 65 who meet Social Security's definition of disability and are below certain income and resource limits.

### **Qualified Disabled Working Individuals**

Limited medical coverage of payment of Medicare Part A premiums after an individual's automatic entitlement to free Part A ends due to the individual's earnings and whose income does not exceed 200% of poverty level. This is the only Medicaid benefit covered by this program.

### **Be Smart Program**

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



### **Medicare Qualified Beneficiaries**

MQB is a limited Medicaid program for individuals on Medicare. The eligibility requirements are less stringent than full coverage Medicaid, but Medicaid coverage is limited to payment of Medicare premiums, deductibles, and co-insurance based on income and resources.

### **Long Term Care**

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

The applicant/recipient must also meet all other eligibility requirements including resource limits, resource protection, and transfer of assets.

### **Medicaid To the Aged**

A full coverage program of medical assistance for individuals age 65 and over and are below certain income and resource limits.