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MEDICAID NURSING HOME CARE

Medicaid (MA) is a federal and state funded program that can pay for medical expenses incurred while residing in a hospital and/or skilled nursing home, if the person meets the financial and non-financial qualification, and who has/or is expected to reside in a medical institution for 30 or more consecutive days.

To qualify for MA; a person will need to be within the \$2000 asset limit (unless there is a community spouse, then you should refer to Spousal Impoverishment rules). Assets would be all cash, money in bank accounts, IRAs, CDs, etc. Some assets may be exempt if they meet certain exemption rule. Examples would be certain burial assets, some homestead property, one vehicle if used for medical transportation, etc. For more specific information regarding asset guidelines, you may contact the Economic Support Division of Brown County Human Services.

Persons with assets in excess of the \$2000 asset limit will be required to self-pay the Nursing Home costs until they are within the program limits and qualify to have MA pay their costs.

Once a person qualifies for MA in a nursing home, the person's income (except \$45/mo personal needs allowance and any other allowable deductions) will be paid to the Nursing Home, this payment is referred to as the "patient liability". The balance of the cost is billed to the State Medicaid Program.

Wisconsin Medicaid applications are processed through the Brown County Human Services Department of Economic Support, located at 111 North Jefferson Street – Second Floor, Green Bay, WI 54301. To contact the Economic Support Department directly, call (920) 448-6460.

If you think you may qualify for or have further questions regarding the Wisconsin Medicaid Program, you can contact the Benefit Specialist at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Brown County at (920) 448-4300.

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