State Long Term Care Subsidy

The State Long Term Care Subsidy Program is a state funded program that provides additional income to qualifying North Dakota Medicaid recipients who reside in a Long Term Care facility. The state subsidy provides funds to help meet the current personal needs (such as clothing, toiletries, cost of a haircut, etc.). This program began January 1, 2010.

To qualify the individual must:

- Be a Medicaid recipient;
- Receive a Supplements Security Income (SSI) payment of $30 per month or less;
- Reside in a Long Term Care facility: a nursing home, the State Hospital, the Anne Carlsen Center, Prairie at St. John’s Center, the Stadter Center, a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF), an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF-MR) or receive swing bed care in a hospital;
- Expect to reside in the long term care facility for the entire calendar month; and
- Have total monthly income of less than $50.

Amount of Subsidy:

- The maximum subsidy payment is $20 per month.
- The subsidy payment is reduced by the amount of any other income available to the individual, other than the first $30 per month from SSI.
Frequently Asked Questions:

Q - If someone qualifies, what do they have to do to receive the subsidy?

A – A qualifying individual does not have to do anything to initiate or receive the subsidy payment. When an individual becomes Medicaid eligible and qualifies for the subsidy, the subsidy payment will automatically be calculated and sent.

Q – How will the subsidy be paid?

A - Subsidy payments are paid by check; however, payments can also be set up as direct deposit. Subsidy recipients need to request direct deposit and provide necessary bank information.

Q – Is there a minimum subsidy amount?

A – There is no minimum subsidy amount, however, payments of less than $10 will be held until the total payment is at least $10 or 3 months have passed, whichever is sooner.

Q – Is an individual who resides in a Long Term Care facility, receives SSI income and also receives a VA Improved Pension eligible for the State Long Term Care Subsidy?

A - No. The VA Improved Pension of $90 puts the individual’s total income over $50 for the month. To qualify, individuals must have total income of less than $50.

Q – If someone has been in long term care for some time, how far back can someone receive a subsidy payment?

A – Subsidy payments are not paid for prior periods of time. When someone qualifies, they are eligible for payments beginning with the current month.

For information, contact your local county social service office. County contact information is at www.nd.gov/dhs/locations/countysocialserv/index.html