

## State Long Term Care Subsidy Program

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 current personal needs such as clothing, toiletries, cost of a haircut, and other needs. This program began January 1, 2010.

### **To qualify, a person must:**

- Be a Medicaid client;
- Receive a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payment of \$30 per month or less;
- Reside in a long-term care facility: a nursing home, the North Dakota State Hospital, Anne Carlsen Center, Prairie at St. John's, Red River Behavioral Health System, a psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF), an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, or 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 \$65.

### **Amount of Subsidy**

- The maximum subsidy payment is \$35 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 monthly. 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 three months have passed, whichever is sooner.

### **Q – Can an individual who resides in a long-term care facility, receives SSI income and also receives a VA Improved Pension be eligible for the State Long Term Care Subsidy Program?**

A – No. The VA Improved Pension of \$90 puts the individual's total monthly income over the \$65 limit for the month. To qualify, individuals must have total income of less than \$65.

### **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.



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