

DISABILITY & AGING RIGHTS



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Special Medicaid Programs

This is an overview of the special health insurance programs in Illinois to help people with chronic health conditions. The information applies to people with disabilities, including older Americans with physical, cognitive, sensory or mental impairments.

I have chronic renal failure and I don't have insurance coverage. Is there any program for me?

If you have chronic renal failure and you are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare, you may be able to get coverage for the cost of renal dialysis. You must meet certain income qualifications and be a U.S. citizen or a qualified immigrant.

To apply, you can fill out an application at the Medicare approved dialysis facility where your dialysis services are provided, or you can download an application at the following website: www2.illinois.gov/hfs/MedicalCustomers/renal/Pages/default.aspx

I have hemophilia. How can I obtain insurance coverage?

The Illinois Hemophilia Program helps eligible patients obtain antihemophilic factor, annual comprehensive visits and outpatient medical expenses related to the disease.

You must complete a financial application, and you might have to pay participation fees, based on family income.

This program is available only to non-Medicaid-eligible residents of Illinois with a bleeding or clotting disorder. Questions should be directed to the Bureau of Comprehensive Health Services at **1-877-782-5565**.

I heard there is a way to get free mammograms – what is that program?

The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (IBCCP) covers uninsured women at any income level who need treatment for breast or cervical cancer.

The IL Department of Public Health provides screenings for breast and cervical cancer, and the IL Department of Healthcare and Family Services pays for treatment.

To enroll, call the DPH Women's Health Line at **1-888-522-1282** or **1-800-547-0466** (TTY). Website: www.cancerscreening.illinois.gov.

I have Medicare but I have trouble paying my Part B premiums. Can the state help pay the premium?

Yes, the Medicare cost-sharing program covers the cost of Medicare Part B premiums, co-insurance and deductibles for qualified Medicare beneficiaries (QMB) with incomes up to 100 percent of the federal poverty level.

For those with incomes between 100 percent and 135 percent of the federal poverty level, the Specified Low Income Beneficiaries (SLIB) program covers only the cost of the Part B premiums. Resources are limited to \$7,080 for individuals and \$10,620 for a couple.

More information is available at: www2.illinois.gov/hfs/medicalprograms/brochures/pages/hfs3120.aspx.

Program for people with HIV/AIDS

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides 80 drugs on its formulary, including all anti-retroviral therapies approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Clients have a benefit cap of \$2,000 per month, except for two drugs in Category V.

To be eligible, you must meet all of the following requirements:

- Diagnosed with HIV or AIDS
- Live in Illinois and have a legal home address (domicile) in Illinois
- Have anticipated gross annual income at or below 300 percent of the federal poverty level for household size

In addition, if an ADAP enrollee has health insurance, the health insurance company must participate with the ADAP-contracted pharmacy for dispensing and billing purposes, and only drugs on the ADAP formulary will be covered.

For more information and to apply:
www.hivcareconnect.com.

Illinois veterans care

This program provides comprehensive healthcare to uninsured veterans younger than 65 who were not dishonorably discharged from the military, are income eligible, and are not eligible for healthcare through the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Eligible veterans pay a monthly premium of \$40 or \$70, depending on their income.

If you qualify for coverage through the VA, talk with your local Veterans Service Officer to learn more about that coverage or to find out if you should also have Medicaid or Medicare. ■

For more information:

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Insurance coverage for people with hemophilia:

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Free mammograms:

1-888-522-1282; 1-800-547-0466 (TTY) or www.cancerscreening.illinois.gov

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For more information, or to apply online or at local Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs offices, go to www.illinoisveteranscare.com. To find a Veterans Service Office, visit the following website: www2.illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/ServiceOffices.aspx.



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www.equipforequality.org
1-800-537-2632
1-800-610-2779 (TTY)

Illinois Department on Aging

One Natural Resources Way
Suite 100
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Senior HelpLine:

1-800-252-8966
1-888-206-1327 (TTY)
www.illinois.gov/aging

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