

Duke Dementia Family Support Program

Caregiver Connections

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Medicaid

Assistance with Long Term Services and Supports



What are Long Term Services and Supports?

- Paid or unpaid personal care assistance needed due to aging, chronic illness, or disability
- Aids with activities of daily living (ADLs) and IADLs (instrumental activities of daily living)
- Can include facility care, adult daycare, home health services, transportation, and other needs
- Can be provided in institutional or home-based settings

What is Medicaid?

- Program of medical coverage jointly funded by states and the federal government.
- Means-tested: must be determined eligible by need for benefits.
- Administered by states, and policy varies state to state.
- In North Carolina, eligibility is determined at the county level; eligibility determination is based on state and federal policy.

Medicaid vs. Medicare

Medicaid

- Jointly funded by state and federal government
- Means tested; must meet income and other eligibility requirements
- Coverage groups include elderly (65+), disabled, blind, children, parents of minor children, and pregnant women
- Coverage includes nursing home costs, and in-home health/personal care services

Medicare

- Funded by federal government
- Entitlement program; qualify through history of Medicare payroll taxes paid
- Covers those aged 65 or older, or under 65 if disabled and have received SSA disability benefits for 24 or more months, or end stage renal disease, or ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- Limited coverage for institutional services or in-home health services

Medicaid in North Carolina allows for coverage of long term care services and supports through facility and home/ community based services.

- Private Living Medicaid
- Long Term Care Medicaid
- Special Assistance
- CAP (Community Alternatives Program)
- PACE (Program of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly)
- Special Assistance In Home

Private Living Medicaid

Personal Care Services

- Medicaid beneficiaries living at home may be eligible for coverage of personal care services, if help is needed with ADLs (activities of daily living)
- Must need help with 2 or more ADLs- bathing, dressing, mobility, toileting, eating
- Must be able to live at home safely
- Prior approval is required

Liberty Healthcare Corporation of North Carolina
(919) 322-5944 **<http://nc-pcs.com/>**

Long Term Care Medicaid



- Helps pay for cost of care in a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility (ICF- intellectual disabilities)
- Income limit for LTC Medicaid is based on a comparison of the applicant's income with the facility's cost of care.
- Reserve (asset) limit is \$2,000.00. For a married applicant with spouse at home, a portion of the couple's assets can be protected (not counted) for the community spouse

Long Term Medicaid (cont'd)

- LTC Medicaid beneficiaries pay a patient monthly liability
- When computing the patient monthly liability for a married applicant with a spouse at home, an allowance may be deducted from the applicant's income for the needs of the community spouse

Special Assistance

- Helps pay for room and board in an assisted living facility or group home
- Maximum monthly income to qualify is \$1247.50 for basic level, or \$1580.50 for Special Care Unit
- Reserve (asset) limit is \$2,000.00.



- Special Assistance beneficiaries pay the facility an amount equal to all their income minus \$66.00 (\$46 personal needs allowance+ \$20 income disregard)

CAP(Community Alternatives Program)

- **CAP/C** provides home and community-based services to children at risk for institutionalization in a nursing home.
- **CAP/DA** provides home and community-based services for adults who are at risk of institutionalization.
- **CAP/Innovations** provides home and community-based services to individuals with intellectual disabilities requiring care at the ICF/IDD level, who wish to live in a community setting.

To apply for CAP/DA in Wake County:

Call Resources for Seniors at 919-872-7933, or

Complete online CAP/DA speed referral form at <http://www.resourcesforseniors.com/secure/speedcap.php>

PACE

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

- Provides care to individuals who require skilled nursing level of care but who desire to continue living at home.
- PACE Center that includes a primary care clinic, therapy, personal care, and dining.
- Participants must 55 years of age or older
- Must reside in the service area of a PACE Center. There are currently 10 PACE service sites in North Carolina.

Senior CommUnity Care (919) 425-3000 <http://seniorcommunitycarenc.org/>

Special Assistance In Home

- Offers ongoing case management and monthly cash payments to help individuals continue to live at home safely
- Each county has a limited number of slots available for this program
- Must meet income eligibility for Private Living Medicaid
- To be eligible, must be at risk for adult care facility placement, but desire to live at home
- Must be able to live at home safely with appropriate services
- SAIH funds can be used for needed household repairs, utility expenses, respite care, food, medical supplies, shelter, etc.

Wake County SAIH prescreening: Contact Catherine Goldman 919-250-3835

How To Apply For Medicaid

- **Apply online** at <https://www.epass.nc.gov>
- **Mail-in, fax, or drop off** a printed Medicaid application (a copy of the Medicaid application can be found here- <https://www2.ncdhhs.gov/dma/medicaid/applications.htm>. You may also call the local DSS office and ask to have an application form mailed.
- **Apply in person** at a county DSS location.
*** (Special Assistance requires an in-person application. For other programs, applying in person is optional.)

Wake County Medicaid Offices

- 1. Main Office-** 220 Swinburne Street, Raleigh 27610
(919) 212-7000
Hours: 8:00- 5:15 Monday- Friday
- 2. Eastern Regional Center (ERC)** -1002 Dogwood Drive, Zebulon 27597
(919) 404-3900
Hours: 8:30- 5:15 Monday- Friday
- 3. Northern Regional Center (NRC)** -350 E. Holding Avenue, Wake Forest 27587
(919) 562-6300
Hours: 8:30- 5:15 Monday- Friday
- 4. Southern Regional Center (SRC)** -130 N. Judd Parkway, S.E., Fuquay-Varina 27526
(919) 557-2501
Hours: 8:30- 5:15 Monday- Friday

County DSS Locations

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/dss/local-county-social-services-offices>

Durham County Social Services
414 E. Main Street Durham 27701
(919) 560-8000

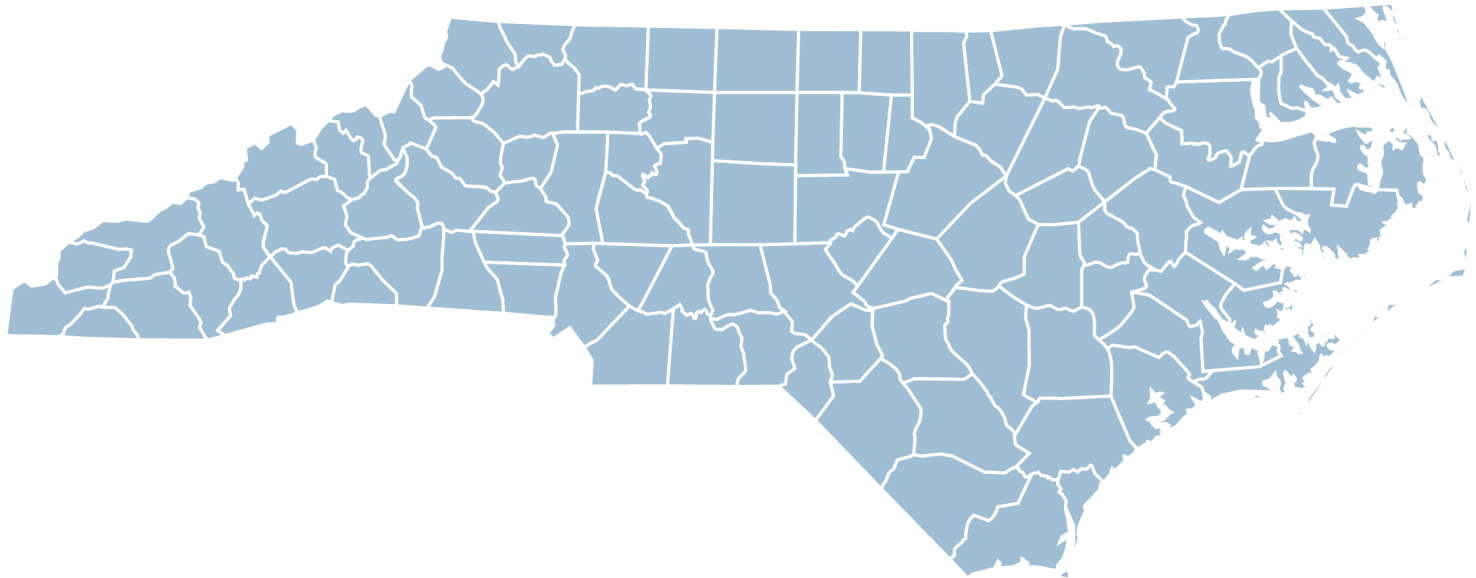
Johnston County Social Services
714 North Street Smithfield 27577
(919) 989-5300

Chatham County Social Services
102 Camp Drive Pittsboro
(919) 542-2759

Orange County Social Services
113 Mayo Street Hillsborough 27278
(919) 245-2800

Local DSS Directory

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/local-dss-directory>



Questions?

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