

De-Mystifying The Public Assistance Application Process



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Three Objectives

1. Take the "mystery" out of the public assistance application process
2. Discuss how and where to apply
3. Gain general public assistance program information



Where to obtain application forms



On-Line at:
www.dhs.state.mn.us

(Click on "Application Forms" on the left banner)



**Local social/family service
agency** (via phone, mail, fax or in-person)



Community Partners

Which Application Form?

* **Combined Application Form**



* **Health Care Application Form**



* **Child Care Assistance Application**

Programs Available

* Cash Assistance:

- * **Diversionary Work Program**
- * **MN Family Investment Program**
- * **Work Benefit**
- * **MN Supplemental Aid**
- * **General Assistance**

Programs Available (Continued)

Emergency Programs:

Crisis Funds/Emergency Assistance

or

Emergency General Assistance

Programs Available (Continued)

*** Health Care Programs:**

- * Medical Assistance**
- * MinnesotaCare**
- * Medicare Savings Programs**

Programs Available (Continued)

*** Food Programs:**

- * Food Support**
- * MN Food Assistance Program**

Eligibility Basics

Proof	Cash	Food	Medical
SS Number	X	X	X
Residency	X	X	X
Citizenship			X
Income	X	X	X
Assets	X		X
Vehicles	X		
Identity	X	X	X
Relationship	X		
Housing	X	X	
Utilities	X		
Medical Costs		X	X
Illness	X		X
CC Costs	X		

Interview Requirements

- * **Cash and Emergency Programs**
- * **Child Care Assistance**
- * **Food Support**
- * **Health Care Programs**



Processing Timeframes



30 Days = Cash

Emergency

Child Care

Food Support

45/60 Days = Health Care

Reporting/Renewing

- * **Food Support – 6 months**

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Cash – Monthly or 6 mos.

Health Care – 6 months

Resources

- * WWW.DHS.State.MN.US
- * Local County Social Services Agency
- * <http://mn.bridgetobenefits.org/>
- * Senior LinkAge Line 1-800-333-2433
- * Disability Linkage Line 1-866-333-2466
- * Community Action Agencies
- * Food Support Outreach Agencies
- * MN Community Application Assistance

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