

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS FOR ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTICUT and THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Carefully read website information plus eligibility and documentation requirements!

Your first stop when you need help: Local services through Human Services in your town – they likely have other benefits that are not on this list

Benefits covered in this document:

Energy Assistance (CEAP)

Food Insecurity (SNAP and Food Pantries)

Healthcare (Husky)

Affordable Housing (Section 8 and subsidized)

Local services through Human Services in your town

211 services (conduit to most programs in CT)

Social Security Income Benefits

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Eligibility

Household Income Guidelines

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program helps households pay for primary heating

bills. If the household's primary heating costs are included in your rent, you may also apply for assistance.

Benefits are available to households with incomes up to sixty percent of the state median income

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| Household Size – includes homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat, and renters whose heat is included in the rent, as long as more than 30% of gross income is paid towards rent. | | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Under \$34,366 | Under \$44,941 | Under \$55,515 | Under \$66,089 | Under \$76,663 | Under \$87,237 | Under \$89,220 | Under \$91,203 |

****A liquid assets test is an additional basic eligibility requirement.****

Liquid assets include: checking, savings, CD's, stocks/shares, bonds, annuities, certificates of deposit and individual retirement accounts. (Individual Retirement Accounts are considered to be liquid assets if the accounts are in the name of a household member who is 59-and-one-half years old or more.) The purpose of the liquid assets test is to try to ensure that winter heating assistance dollars go to households most in need; that is, to people without the financial means to heat their home.

For homeowners, the first \$15,000 in liquid assets, and for other households, the first \$12,000 in liquid assets, is disregarded. Any amount over that limit, when added to the annual gross income must be below the income guidelines.

Note: Any household in which all household members are participating in one or more of the following Department of Social Services programs are automatically considered income eligible for winter heating assistance benefits, but must meet all other eligibility requirements to receive benefits: Temporary Family Assistance, State Supplement to the Aged, Blind and Disabled, Refugee Cash Assistance Program. Mixed-income households (those receiving income from both DSS and non-DSS sources) are considered income-eligible for winter heating assistance benefits if the combined household annual gross income, including DSS cash benefits, remains within income guidelines.

Winter Heating Assistance - program dates

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|-----------------|--|
| 11/15/17 | First day for fuel deliveries. |
| 3/15/18 | Deadline for fuel authorizations. |
| 5/1/18 | Last day that a household can apply to establish its eligibility for benefits unless the household is utility heated and has a shut off notice for its primary source of heat. |
| 5/15/18 | Last day that a utility heated household with a shut-off notice may apply. |

5/31/18

Last day to submit deliverable fuel bills.

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) benefits thousands of homeowners and renters throughout the state. Please check out the services explained on this website, as well as income and asset guidelines to see if you are eligible for CEAP.

A. Basic benefits for homeowners and renters who pay separately for heat:

A vulnerable household may receive more basic benefits than a non-vulnerable household. **A vulnerable household may be eligible for up to \$660 in basic winter heating benefits this winter, compared to \$605 for a non-vulnerable household.**

Minimum basic benefit level is \$275 for CEAP households.

- **Up to \$660 in winter heating assistance for ‘vulnerable’ households**

(Households which have one or more members who are elderly (age 60 or older), or who have a disability, or are under the age of 6.)

- **Up to \$605 in winter heating assistance for non-vulnerable households**

(Households with no member who is elderly (age 60 or older), or has a disability, or is under the age of 6.)

A range of basic benefit levels are built into Connecticut's winter heating assistance program. Once a household applies and is determined eligible for the program, the level of benefits is determined.

The exact level of basic benefits is determined by your household's income, the number of members, and whether there is a ‘vulnerable’ household member. Households with lower income levels are eligible for higher benefits.

B. Benefits for renters whose heat is included in the rent:

- **From \$125 to \$165 in winter heating assistance**

This level applies to households which do not make direct vendor payments for winter heating; **In other words, renters whose heat is included in their rent, and who pay more than 30% of their gross income toward rent.**

- [Crisis Assistance Program](#)
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Energy Assistance - Safety Net Services

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Overview

Benefits for Deliverable Fuel Households qualifying for Safety Net Assistance:

- up to \$455 per delivery in Safety Net Assistance Benefits
- Vulnerable CEAP households may receive up to three (3) Safety Net Deliveries.
- Non-Vulnerable CEAP households may receive two (2) Safety Net Delivery
- **Safety Net Assistance benefits are not available for Level 5 households, i.e. those with income over 200% FPG to 60% SMI.**

Subject to the availability of funds, the state will implement a Safety Net Program to address the heating needs of CEAP deliverable fuel-heated households who have exhausted their Basic Benefits and Crisis Assistance Benefits and are in a life-threatening situation. Such households may be eligible to receive up to \$455 per delivery in Safety Net Assistance Benefits.

Households requesting Safety Net Assistance Benefits must be interviewed by a case manager and complete a risk assessment determination. This process involves a review of the household's income, liquid assets and expenditures. If the case manager determines that the household has insufficient resources to cover the cost of the fuel delivery on its own, then efforts will be made to assist the household in obtaining shelter with adequate heat and, as a last resort, an emergency fuel delivery may be authorized.

Energy Assistance - Crisis Assistance Program

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Overview

Benefits for Households qualifying for Crisis Heating Assistance:

- A one-time benefit of up to \$655 in winter heating assistance for CEAP deliverable fuel heated households.

Subject to the availability of funds, the state will implement a Crisis Assistance Program to address the heating needs of service recipient households who have exhausted their CEAP Basic Benefits and are unable to secure primary heat. A one-time benefit in winter heating assistance for deliverable fuel heated households of up to \$655 for eligible households with incomes up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG), and up to \$295 for eligible households with incomes over 200% FPG to 60% State Median Income (SMI).

Crisis is defined in all cases as being unable to secure primary heat, causing a life-threatening situation during the program delivery period--defined as being without or within one week of being without primary heating fuel, such as having an oil or kerosene supply below either 70 gallons or one-quarter tank.

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Apply

Where To Apply - Community Action Agencies for Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

The only sure way of knowing whether your household is eligible is to apply. Applications are now being accepted at Community Action Agencies intake sites throughout the state. For referral to an application site near you, please call 2-1-1 United Way or [please follow this link to find the Community Action Agency in your area.](#)
[Opens in a new window](#)

Energy Assistance Application

[\(English\)](#) [\(Spanish\)](#)

What To Bring With You When You Apply - Checklist of Required Documentation

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HES - Income Eligible

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- HES - Income Eligible



If you meet income requirements, you may qualify for FREE valuable home weatherization services. Sign up now to enjoy greater year-round comfort and lower energy costs.

Home Energy Solutions – Income-Eligible (HES-IE) – Overview

Is your home drafty and cold in the winter? Does it need more insulation? Do your energy bills feel overwhelming? We can help.

If your family's combined gross annual income is below the state's 60 percent income median (see the "Who is eligible" section below), you may qualify for no-cost energy-saving services. A technician certified by the Building Performance Institute will come to your home and make energy-saving improvements to reduce drafts and help you save on your lighting and hot water bills.



If your home qualifies for additional services such as insulation or a more energy-efficient refrigerator, they will arrange for contractors to come back to your home and do the work. Depending on your circumstances, you may receive these services at no cost.

Read "How it works" below to find out how to sign up.

How HES-IE Works

Step 1 - See if you qualify....

Check the "Who is Eligible" section below to see if you qualify for this no-cost program.

Step 2 - Submit an application....

Step 3 - Your application is reviewed...

Step 4 - Your appointment is scheduled....

Step 5 - A Home Energy Solutions technician completes your home energy checkup and basic energy-saving services...

Step 6 - Additional energy-saving measures may be installed...

Who is Eligible for HES-IE

| Family Size | Maximum Annual Income |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Under \$34,366.28 |
| 2 | Under \$44,940.52 |
| 3 | Under \$55,514.76 |
| 4 | Under \$66,089.00 |
| 5 | Under \$76,663.24 |
| 6 | Under \$87,237.48 |
| 7 | Under \$89,220.15 |
| 8 | Under \$91,202.82 |

Other Energy Assessment (Audit) Options

WE ALSO OFFER TWO SIMILIAR PROGRAMS:

Home Energy Solutions - Core Services

No matter how you heat your home, there's an easy way to lower your energy bill that's also good for the environment, and it can even make your home more comfortable. For as little as \$149 Home Energy Solutions offers on-the-spot services to homeowners and renters for immediate savings. We empower you with recommendations and resources for deeper savings, too. [Learn more about this program.](#)

Multi-family

The multi-family building (5+ units) you live in or own may be eligible for energy-efficiency upgrades through more than one program. This one-stop program brings them all to your door, making it easy for you to save energy. [Learn more](#) about this program.

THREE WAYS TO APPLY:

ONLINE WITH YOUR LOCAL UTILITY

Eversource UI CNG SCG

CALL 1-877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873)

BY MAIL, COMPLETE AND RETURN THE
HES-IE APPLICATION (EN ESPAÑOL)



Empowering you to make
smart energy choices

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Find a Solution for Your Home

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- Find a Solution for Your Home



Quick Links

Search for Services, Rebates and Financing to Save on Your Energy Bills.

Step 1: Select home type

Step 2: Select area(s) of interest



• [Redacted]

Appliances & Electronics

• [Redacted]

DOE Home Energy Score

• [Redacted]

Energy Assessment (Audit)

• [Redacted]

Financing

• [Redacted]

Gas Water Heating

• [Redacted]

Heating & Cooling

• [Redacted]

Help for Income Eligible

• [Redacted]

Home Buying & Selling

• [Redacted]

Hot Water

• [Redacted]

Insulation

• [Redacted]

Lighting

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- New Construction or Major Renovation
- Rebates
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No matter how you heat your home, or whether you're buying a home or updating where you live now, we can show you how a smart energy home makes life better. Energy professionals will make improvements that lower your energy bills for immediate and long term-savings.

But a smart energy home is about more than just "energy." It's comfort. Convenience. The health of your family. And, how your home works efficiently and more economically. A home you value *more*.

Not Just a Smarter Home. A Better Home.

How to Apply and Services Offered

Steps to Take to Smart Energy Action

Step 1 - Submit an application* to your local utility online, by phone or by choosing an authorized contractor to assist you. Find out how...

ONLINE: Visit your utility provider's website below:

[Eversource](#) [UI](#) [CNG](#) [SCG](#)

PHONE: Call 1-877-WISE-USE.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACTOR: use the [Find-a-Contractor](#) tool to locate a contractor in your area.

Step 2 - Your appointment is scheduled....

Step 3 - You receive a home energy checkup and basic services. Watch the short video to see what happens during a normal visit. Read about what happens...

Step 4 - Take additional smart energy actions....

*Please note: this solution is very popular, may have a waiting list and is subject to available funding.



Home Energy Solutions - Core Services

Get your home's energy performance assessed by energy professionals and receive **about \$1,000 in on-the-spot energy fixes** - like sealing air leaks, energy-efficient lighting, and more - for just \$149! Find out about rebates and financing available for insulation, high-efficiency heating/cooling, WI-FI thermostats, water heating, windows, and appliances.

Appliances & Electronics | DOE Home Energy Score | Energy Assessment (Audit) | Financing | Gas Water Heating | Heating & Cooling | Hot Water | Insulation | Lighting | Rebates

and rebates to help you save right away....



Home Energy Solutions - Income Eligible

If you meet income requirements, you may qualify for **FREE energy-saving services**. Energy professionals make improvements to your home to reduce drafts and help you save

on your lighting and hot water bills. If your home qualifies for additional services such as insulation or a more energy-efficient refrigerator, you might even receive these services at no cost!

[Appliances & Electronics](#) | [DOE Home Energy Score](#) | [Energy Assessment \(Audit\)](#) | [Heating & Cooling](#) | [Help for Income Eligible](#) | [Hot Water](#) | [Insulation](#) | [Lighting](#) | [Rebates](#)

ades for income-qualified homeowners and renters...

Financing ? - Found 2 Option(s)



Energy Conservation Loan Program

Financing is available at **below market rates for income-qualified** single family and multi-family property owners for the purchase and installation of energy saving improvements including insulation, heat pumps, replacement windows, and more. Borrow up to \$25,000 or \$3,500 per unit (max. of \$100,000 per building). **Loan terms up to 10 years.**

[Financing](#) | [Gas Water Heating](#) | [Heating & Cooling](#) | [Help for Income Eligible](#) | [Hot Water](#) | [Insulation](#) | [New Construction or Major Renovation](#) | [Renewable Energy](#)

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HES Payment Plan (Micro) Loan Financing Program

Home Energy Solutions participants may qualify for zero interest, fixed-rate loans from \$1,000 to \$3,000. **Make your loan payments through your utility bill.** Up to 3 years to repay.

[Financing](#) | [Gas Water Heating](#) | [Heating & Cooling](#) | [Help for Income Eligible](#) | [Hot Water](#) | [Insulation](#) | [Renewable Energy](#)

Home Energy Solutions recommendations. ...

Food Pantries serving 06040

MACC Charities Community Emergency Food Pantry

AGENCY: MANCHESTER AREA CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES

466 Main Street, Manchester, CT

1.32 miles

Emergency food pantry provides nonperishable food items for self-selection by appointment only at 460 Main Street, Manchester: M,W: 9-11am; T: 2-5pm; Th: 3-6pm...

Eligibility:

Resident of Manchester or Bolton

Hours:

M-F: 9am-5pm

[860-647-8003 ext. 28](tel:860-647-8003) [View Website](#) [Get Directions](#)

[More Details](#)

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You should receive your resource shortly. Thank you for using 2-1-1.

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New Horizons Baptist Church Food Ministry

AGENCY: NEW HORIZONS BAPTIST CHURCH FOOD AND CLOTHING MINISTRY

40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT

2.01 miles

Church operates food pantry for people in need. Pantry open Sun: 2:15-3pm; Walk-in.

Eligibility:

Resident of Greater Hartford area

Hours:

Sun: 2:15-3pm

[860-726-9282](tel:860-726-9282) [Get Directions](#)

[More Details](#)

[Print & Share](#)

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Crossroads Food Pantry

AGENCY: CROSSROADS FOOD PANTRY - EAST HARTFORD

1492 Silver Lane, East Hartford, CT

2.41 miles

Church food pantry distributes food to Greater Hartford area residents in need, W: 10am-12noon. Food pantry visits limited to once every 30 days...

Eligibility:

Resident of Greater Hartford area

Hours:

W: 10am-12pm

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP

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Eligibility

Income Limits

To receive SNAP benefits in Connecticut, household income and other resources have to be under certain limits and are reviewed. For some households, there is also an asset limit.

The income standards for SNAP are based the federal poverty levels (FPL). All income standards listed in the following table below are monthly figures. There are gross and net income limits. The gross income limit is equal to 185% of the current Federal Poverty Level and is the amount of income the household has **before** taxes and deductions. The gross income limit applies to most households. The gross income limit does not apply to households in which at least one person is 60 years of age or older, or receives disability income. However, all households **are** subject to a monthly **net** income limit. The net income limit is equal to the current Federal Poverty Level and is the amount left over after certain deductions are allowed. These deductions are established by the USDA Food and Nutrition Service. Details can be found on their website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/SNAP/> [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#).

Effective October 1, 2017, the gross monthly income limits and net monthly income limits are as listed below.

| Monthly Income Limits | | |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Household Size | Gross Income Limit (applies to most households, except those in which at least one person is 60 years of age or older, or receives disability income) | Net Income Limit (applies to ALL households) |
| 1 | \$1,860 | \$1,005 |
| 2 | \$2,504 | \$1,354 |

| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| 3 | \$3,149 | \$1,702 |
| 4 | \$3,793 | \$2,050 |

Asset Limits

There is no asset limit EXCEPT for households whose gross income is more than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. For those households, total assets including cash, savings accounts, stocks and bonds cannot be more than \$3500. We do not include the home the client lives in as an asset, nor do we put a lien on the home. We also do not count vehicles or retirement accounts, such as IRAs. Again, these asset limits only apply to households whose gross income is more than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. A "household" is all the people who live together and buy and prepare food together. Once a household meets the eligibility requirements, we calculate the amount of the household's SNAP benefit based on the household's income and certain allowable deductions for shelter, dependent care expenses, medical costs and child support payments to others outside the household. Shelter costs are rent and mortgage payments, heating or cooling not included in rent, and utility and monthly telephone services charges.

SNAP Benefit Amounts

As of October 1, 2017, the **maximum** SNAP benefit amounts are listed in the table below. The maximum benefit amounts are effective indefinitely.

| For a household of: | the maximum SNAP benefit is: |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | \$192 monthly |
| 2 | \$352 monthly |
| 3 | \$504 monthly |
| 4 | \$640 monthly |

For more information about income limits and benefit amounts for households of 5 or more, or for any other information about SNAP, please call [800] 842-1508.

To find out if you may be eligible for SNAP based on income, follow this link: [End Hunger Connecticut's SNAP Prescreener](#)

Benefit Overview – Healthcare - CT

The HUSKY Health program offers a comprehensive health care benefit package. Basic benefits for all HUSKY Health members include:

- Preventive Care
- Doctor Visits
- Women's Health Care
- Family Planning Services
- Maternity Care
- Hospital Stays
- Physical Therapy/Occupational Therapy/Speech Therapy
- Audiology Services
- Physical Rehabilitation
- Dialysis
- Durable Medical Equipment
- Hearing Aids
- Orthotic and Prosthetic Devices
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Services
- Ambulatory Surgery
- Hospital Outpatient Care
- Laboratory Tests
- X-rays and other Radiology Services
- Vision Care
- Emergency Care
- Dental Services (through CT Dental Health Partnership)
- Behavioral Health Services (through CT Behavioral Health Partnership)
- Pharmacy (medications)

There are some benefits available only to HUSKY A, C and D members. These benefits are:

- Non-emergency transportation to health care appointments
- Smoking cessation services: counseling and medications
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis & Treatment (also known as EPSDT): children under 21 can receive medically necessary services even if they are not covered benefits.

There are some limitations to the services listed above for HUSKY B members.

- HUSKY Plus offers additional services for some HUSKY B children who have physical needs beyond what HUSKY B provides.
- HUSKY B members are also responsible for cost-sharing (monthly premiums for members in eligibility Band 2, co-payments and co-insurance) for certain services. Please visit our [member](#) page for more information.

How to Qualify

[HUSKY A & HUSKY B](#)

[HUSKY C \(also known as Medicaid for the Aged/Blind/Disabled\) & Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities](#)

[HUSKY D \(also known as Medicaid for the Lowest-Income Populations\)](#)

HUSKY A & HUSKY B

Connecticut children and their parents or a relative caregiver; and pregnant women may be eligible for HUSKY A (also known as Medicaid), depending on family income.

Uninsured children under age 19 in higher-income households may be eligible for HUSKY B (also known as the Children's Health Insurance Program). Depending on specific income level, family cost-sharing applies.

[Note: When looking at the HUSKY family income guidelines, please keep in mind that we may not count some of your income and may also deduct certain expenses. The best thing to do is apply and let us determine your family's eligibility.]

[Please follow this link to view a chart of qualifying annual income levels effective January 2018.](#)

[Please follow this link to view a chart of qualifying monthly income levels effective January 2018.](#)

[Please follow this link for Information on HUSKY Plus Physical.](#)

[For information on applying, please follow this link.](#)

HUSKY C (including Long-Term Services & Supports, and Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities)

Connecticut residents aged 65 or older; **or** who are aged 18 up to 65th birthday and who are blind, or who have another disability, may qualify for Medicaid coverage under HUSKY C.

Income and asset eligibility varies, depending on which part of HUSKY C you may qualify for.

For the largest part of HUSKY C the following are net income limits (after deductions), by geographic area of Connecticut. [Please note that the annual income limit for Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities enrollees is \$75,000 and asset limits are much higher. For more on Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities, please scroll down this page or visit www.ct.gov/med]

Monthly Amount:

| | REGION A (Southwestern CT) | REGIONS B & C (Northern, Eastern & Western CT) |
|----------------|--|--|
| Single Person | \$ 633.49 | \$ 523.38 |
| Married Couple | \$ 805.09 | \$ 696.41 |

Institutionalized Individuals

Single Person \$2,199

Asset limits are as follows:

Single person - \$1,600

Married couple - \$2,400

[For information on applying, please follow this link.](#)

Long-Term Care Medicaid (Long-Term Services and Supports)

[For information about Medicaid Long-Term Services & Supports, including application referral, please follow this link.](#)

Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities

[For information about Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities, also known as MED-Connect, including application referral, please follow this link.](#) Please note that the annual income limit for MED-Connect enrollees is \$75,000.

HUSKY D

Connecticut residents aged 19 up to 65th birthday without dependent children; who do not qualify for HUSKY A; who do not receive Medicare; and who are not pregnant, may qualify for **HUSKY D** (also known as Medicaid for the Lowest-Income Populations).

[Please follow this link to view a chart of qualifying annual income levels effective January 2018.](#)

[Please follow this link to view a chart of qualifying monthly income levels effective January 2018.](#)

Currently, there are no asset limits for HUSKY D. [For information on applying, please follow this link.](#)

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How To

General Application for food, cash and certain health/medical coverage:

Households and individuals who wish to apply for SNAP (Food Stamps), Medicaid for the Aged/Blind/Disabled (HUSKY C), [Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) (MED-Connect) , and/or cash assistance can apply on line, please visit www.connect.ct.gov [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#), under 'Apply for Benefits.'

You can also use the 'W-1E' form to apply for these programs, [available here](#). - [Versión en Español](#)

Applying for health/medical coverage:

For Children, Parents & Caregiver Relatives of Children, Adults without Dependent Children, and Pregnant Women --

If the person who needs health coverage is a child under 19; or the parent or caregiver relative of a child under 19; or an adult who is at least 19 but under 65 and without dependent children; or a pregnant woman, he/she may be eligible for [HUSKY A Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#), [HUSKY B Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#), or [HUSKY D Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#).

You can apply for HUSKY A, HUSKY B, or HUSKY D:

- (1) Online through Access Health CT at www.accesshealthct.com
 - (2) Over the phone by calling Access Health CT at 1-855-805-4325
- We encourage you to apply online or over the phone in order to get the fastest determination of whether you are eligible.
- (3) Using application form 'AH3,' available by calling Access Health CT at 1-855-805-4325 or in a Department of Social Services (DSS) office
 - (4) In person at a DSS field office (please note that you may have to wait to see a worker)

For Adults 65 or Older, and Adults with Disabilities --

If the person who needs help is 65 or older or has Medicare or is blind or has a disability, he/she may be eligible for HUSKY C or MED-Connect (Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities). [Read more about how to qualify for these programs here](#) .

You can apply for HUSKY C or MED-Connect:

- (1) Online to DSS at www.connect.ct.gov

Applying online is the fastest way to apply and see if you are eligible.

- (2) You can also use the 'W-1E' form to apply for these programs, [available here](#). - [Versión en Español](#)

[This form can also be used to apply for food and financial assistance programs]

- (3) In person at a [DSS field office](#) (please note that you may have to wait to see a worker)

For Long-Term Services and Supports --

If the person needs long-term services and supports, also known as long-term care (nursing home or home- and community-based care), he/she may be eligible for HUSKY C. [Read more about those services here](#).

You can apply:

****Medicaid Long-Term Services and Supports Application Process at DSS****

To better serve our applicants and providers, effective January 5, 2015, DSS has realigned our four Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Application Centers.

- The Bridgeport, New Haven and Waterbury LTSS Application Centers now process all Medicaid applications for nursing home care from specific cities and towns. [Please check this table for which of the three LTSS Application Centers to use](#) regarding nursing home applications, based on your city or town.

- The Greater Hartford LTSS Application Center will process all new Medicaid applications for home- and community-based services statewide (Medicaid waiver programs). [Please check this table for the Greater Hartford LTSS Application Center address](#). Application packets with as much documentation as possible should be mailed directly to the **appropriate Long-Term Services and Supports Application Center**. We cannot accept applications by fax because of the size and volume of most LTSS applications.

Application for downloading:

[Long-Term Medical Care / Home Care Application \(W-1LTC\) \(218KB\)](#)

[Solicitud de Cuidado Médico a Largo Plazo / Cuidado en el Hogar \(W-1LTCS\) \(240KB\)](#)

To apply online, please visit www.connect.ct.gov [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) under 'Apply for Benefits.'

[Please note the LTSS Application Centers that process the new nursing home applications also support admissions and discharges affecting their area nursing homes in the ASCEND system.]

For questions specific to a pending case, clients may call the assigned caseworker directly. Applicants will be provided a worker's contact information once the case is assigned. For all other general calls or questions, the DSS Benefits Center staff will be happy to serve you at 1-855-6-CONNECT (1-855-626-6632).

The Long-Term Services and Supports Application Centers are processing new applications only. Long-Term Services and Supports redeterminations and interim changes, as well as boarding home and residential care home applications and redeterminations, will continue to be processed through the statewide ConneCT model. This means that all paperwork for redeterminations and interim changes, as well as boarding home applications and redeterminations, should be sent to the DSS ConneCT Scanning Center at P.O. Box 1320, Manchester CT 06045 (not to the Long-Term Services and Supports Application Centers).

[Special Notice about State Supplement Applications For Rated Housing Providers](#)

****New Rated Housing Application Process at DSS****
Important new information,

Effective August 1, 2015

For Medicare beneficiaries who need help paying premiums and other costs --

If the person is receiving Medicare and needs help paying Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket costs, he/she may be eligible for the Medicare Savings Programs. [Read more about how to qualify for these programs here.](#)

You can apply for the Medicare Savings Programs:

- (1) Online to DSS at www.connect.ct.gov [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#) [Opens in a new window](#)
- (2) Using application form 'W-1QMB,' [available here.](#)
- (3) In person at a DSS office (please note that you may have to wait to see a worker)

If You Have a Disability (Requesting Accommodation)

The Department of Social Services is committed to serving the needs of the people with disabilities in Connecticut. If you ask us, we can help you fill out forms, get documentation, make medical appointments and get medical documentation to prove disability. If you cannot come into the office to complete your application, DSS can do your interview over the telephone. We also have informational materials available in alternate formats

Prescription Assistance

[Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov)

Use this site to apply for Medicare, find supplemental insurance plans, hospitals, drug plans, doctors, nursing homes, dialysis facilities, and more.

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[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions About Patient Assistance Programs](#)

Find out how you can apply for patient assistance programs (PAPs) that offer free or low cost drugs to individuals who are unable to pay for their medication.

Review Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2012

[Rx Assist](#)

RxHope: Frequently Asked Questions

RxHope provides a helping hand to people in need in obtaining critical medications that they would normally have trouble affording. RxHope contracts directly with pharmaceutical companies to provide an electronic application process for their patient assistance programs. Services to patients are free of charge.

Review Date: Monday, December 01, 2014

[RxHope](#)

Financial and Support Services for Cancer Patients

View more than 100 organizations nationwide that provide emotional, practical, and financial support services for people with cancer and their families.

Review Date: Monday, December 01, 2014

[NIH National Cancer Institute](#)

Assistance with Insurance Issues

The organizations listed here help consumers understand how different health insurance plans work and how to locate resources for health coverage programs.

Review Date: Monday, March 11, 2013

[NIH National Human Genome Research Institute - NHGRI](#)

BenefitsCheckUp: Find Benefit Programs

BenefitsCheckUp helps you find state, federal, and private benefits programs available where you live. These benefits programs can help pay for prescriptions, health care, food, utilities, and more. You can also get help with tax relief, transportation, legal issues, or finding work.

Review Date: Friday, December 12, 2014

[National Council on Aging](#)

Brand Name Drugs List

Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs) are created by pharmaceutical companies to provide free or discounted medicine to people who are unable to afford them. Use the medication list to see if you qualify for a PAP.

Review Date: Friday, March 29, 2013

[NeedyMeds](#)

CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation

Find out how the CancerCare Co-Payment Assistance Foundation helps individuals cover the cost of medications for treating cancer.

Review Date: Wednesday, April 01, 2015

[Cancer Care](#)

Co-Payments Assistance Programs

In an effort to help patients afford the cost of their co-payments, Patient Services(PSI) developed a variety of financial assistance programs to help meet this need. Learn what disease areas are covered and how you can apply.

Review Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

[Patient Services, Inc.](#)

Disease-Based Assistance

Disease-based assistance (DBA) programs help with costs associated with specific diseases or types of diseases. Search by the type of disease or condition to find all the programs that can help you.

Review Date: Thursday, December 20, 2012

[NeedyMeds](#)

Drug Coupons, Rebates & More Information

Coupons, rebates and more offers of brand name medicine (over-the-counter and prescription) can be found through NeedyMeds. Find out how to sign up for the drug coupons and where to find them.

Review Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

[NeedyMeds](#)

Drug Discount Cards

Drug discount cards are plans that offer discounts on medicine. These programs may be created by a state government, membership associations, non-profit organizations or for-profit businesses.

Review Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2012

[Rx Assist](#)

Extra Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs

Medicare beneficiaries can qualify for extra help with their Medicare prescription drug plan costs. The Extra Help Program is estimated to be worth about \$4,000 per year. To qualify, an individual must be receiving Medicare and have limited resources and income.

Review Date: Monday, February 04, 2013

[Social Security Administration](#)

EyeCare America

EyeCare America provides eye exams and up to one year of care to US citizens and legal residents through volunteer ophthalmologists (EyeMDs) often at no out-of-pocket cost to those who qualify.

Review Date: Monday, June 01, 2015

[American Academy of Ophthalmology](#)

Find a Health Center

Find a Federally-funded health center near you for low-cost care based on your income.

Review Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016

[Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

Find a Health Center iPhone Application

Download this iPhone app to find a Federally-funded health center near you for low-cost care based on your income.

Review Date: Wednesday, December 02, 2015

[Bureau of Primary Health Care, Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

Help Affording Your Care

Paying for medications and therapies is a very common concern among people with cystic fibrosis and their families. If you have trouble affording your treatment, we may be able to help.

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[Cystic Fibrosis Foundation](#)

Medicare and Medicaid: Get Help Paying Costs

Learn about Medicare, Medicaid and other resources that can help pay for medical costs if you meet certain income and resource limits.

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[Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services](#)

Modest Needs: Search Other Resources

Modest Needs' Resources database is a user-contributed list of helpful organizations and programs. The entries on this page have been listed by registered users of Modest Needs and are provided for information only.

Review Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014

[Modest Needs Foundation](#)

National Multilingual Helpline

This helpline offers Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) seniors bilingual assistance with questions about their Medicare Prescription Drug plans and other health matters. Languages include English, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Korean, and Vietnamese.

Review Date: Monday, March 25, 2013

[National Asian Pacific Center on Aging](#)

NeedyMeds: First-Time Users

NeedyMeds is an online information resource of programs that provide assistance to people who are unable to afford their medications and health care costs. Read this page to learn more about the programs.

Review Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

[NeedyMeds](#)

NORD's Patient Assistance Programs

Find patient assistance programs that help patients with rare diseases obtain life-saving or life-sustaining medication they could not otherwise afford.

Review Date: Wednesday, December 02, 2015

[National Organization for Rare Disorders](#)

Participating Patient Assistance Programs

Search for state and corporate prescription assistance programs that help patients obtain free or low-cost medications.

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[Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America](#)

Partnership for Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance helps qualifying patients without prescription drug coverage get the medicines they need through the program that is right for them. Many will get their medications free or nearly free.

Review Date: Thursday, October 30, 2014

[Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America](#)

Patient Access Network Foundation – Frequently Asked Questions

This page answers questions about eligibility requirements for medication copayment assistance from Patient Access Network (PAN), how to submit an application, required financial and medical documents, PAN's approval process, and more.

Review Date: Wednesday, December 02, 2015

[Patient Access Network \(PAN\) Foundation](#)

Patient Access Network Foundation – Program Brochures

The Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN) facilitates access to medical treatment for patients with chronic or life-threatening illness.

Review Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2015

[Patient Access Network \(PAN\) Foundation](#)

Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program

The Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief program assists insured patients who are financially and medically qualified and are being treated for specific conditions. Call 1- 866-512-3861 or apply online.

Review Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

[Patient Advocate Foundation](#)

Patient Assistance Program Directory

This document provides an alphabetical list of pharmaceutical companies that offer prescription assistance programs.

Review Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2012

[Rx Assist](#)

Prescription Assistance: Lupus Foundation of America

Here is a list of prescription assistance programs provided by the Lupus Foundation of America.

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[Lupus Foundation of America](#)

Prescription Drug Assistance Programs

Find out about public and private resources that can help people with the cost of their medicines.

Review Date: Friday, March 29, 2013

[American Cancer Society](#)

RxHope: Patient Assistance Process

These simple steps explain how to initiate the patient assistance process to enable you to obtain medications for free or at a small co-pay.

Review Date: Monday, December 01, 2014

[RxHope](#)

Statewide Drug Assistance Programs

Find programs listed by state that assist older adults, disabled, and low income individuals to pay for prescription medicines.

Review Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2012

[Rx Assist](#)

Understanding The Extra Help With Your Medicare Prescription Drug Plan- (PDF)

Some people with limited resources and income may be able to get Extra Help with the costs related to a Medicare prescription drug plan. Find out if you are eligible for Extra Help.

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[Social Security Administration](#)

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Social Security – Disabilities

How You Qualify

To qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you must first have worked in jobs covered by Social Security. Then you must have a medical condition that meets Social Security's [definition of disability](#). In general, we pay monthly cash benefits to people who are unable to work for a year or more because of a disability.

Benefits usually continue until you are able to work again on a regular basis. There are also a number of special rules, called "work incentives," that provide continued benefits and health care coverage to help you make the transition back to work.

If you are receiving Social Security disability benefits when you reach [full retirement age](#), your disability benefits automatically convert to retirement benefits, but the amount remains the same.

How Much Work Do You Need?

In addition to meeting our [definition of disability](#), you must have worked long enough—and recently enough—under Social Security to qualify for disability benefits.

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The number of work credits you need to qualify for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. Generally, you need 40 credits, 20 of which were earned in the last 10 years ending with the year you become disabled. However, [younger workers may qualify with fewer credits](#).

Remember that whatever your age, you must have earned the required number of work credits within a certain period ending with the time you become disabled. If you qualify now but you stop working under Social Security, you may not continue to meet the disability work requirement in the future.

What We Mean By Disability

The definition of disability under Social Security is different than other programs. Social Security pays only for total disability. **No benefits are payable for partial disability or for short-term disability.**

We consider you disabled under Social Security rules if:

- You cannot do work that you did before;
- We decide that you cannot adjust to other work because of your medical condition(s);
and
- Your disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.

This is a strict definition of disability. Social Security program rules assume that working families have access to other resources to provide support during periods of short-term disabilities, including workers' compensation, insurance, savings, and investments.

How We Decide If You Are Disabled

If you have enough work to qualify for disability benefits, we use a step-by-step process involving five questions. They are:

1. Are you working?

If you are working in 2018 and your earnings average more than \$1,180 a month, you generally cannot be considered disabled.

If you are not working, we will send your application to the [Disability Determination Services](#) (DDS) office that will make the decision about your medical condition (Steps 2-5).

2. Is your condition "severe"?

Your condition must interfere with basic work-related activities for your claim to be considered. If it does not, we will find that you are not disabled.

If your condition does interfere with basic work-related activities, we go to Step 3.

3. Is your condition found in the list of disabling conditions?

For each of the major body systems, we maintain a [list of medical conditions](#) that are so severe they automatically mean that you are disabled. If your condition is not on the list, we have to decide if it is of equal severity to a medical condition that is on the list. If it is, we will find that you are disabled. If it is not, we then go to Step 4.

We have two initiatives designed to expedite our processing of new disability claims:

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For more information about our disability claims process, visit our [Benefits For People With Disabilities](#) website.

4. Can you do the work you did previously?

If your condition is severe but not at the same or equal level of severity as a medical condition on the list, then we must determine if it interferes with your ability to do the work you did previously. If it does not, your claim will be denied. If it does, we proceed to Step 5.

5. Can you do any other type of work?

If you cannot do the work you did in the past, we see if you are able to adjust to other work.

We consider your medical conditions and your age, education, past work experience, and any transferable skills you may have. If you cannot adjust to other work, your claim will be approved. If you can adjust to other work, your claim will be denied.

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Related Information

- [Benefits For People With Disabilities](#)

Special Rules For People Who Are Blind Or Have Low Vision

We consider you to be legally blind under Social Security rules if your vision cannot be corrected to better than 20/200 in your better eye or if your visual field is 20 degrees or less, even with a corrective lens. Many people who meet the legal definition of blindness still have some sight and may be able to read large print and get around without a cane or a guide dog.

If you do not meet the legal definition of blindness, you may still qualify for disability benefits if your vision problems alone or combined with other health problems prevent you from working.

There are a number of special rules for people who are blind that recognize the severe impact of blindness on a person's ability to work. For example, the monthly earnings limit for people who are blind is generally higher than the limit that applies to non-blind disabled workers.

In 2018, the monthly earnings limit is \$1,970.

Related Information

- [Benefits For People With Disabilities](#)

Benefits For Disabled Widows Or Widowers

If something happens to a worker, benefits may be payable to their widow, widower, or surviving divorced spouse with a disability if the following conditions are met:

- He or she is between ages 50 and 60;
- Their condition meets the [definition of disability](#) for adults; and
- The disability started before or within seven years of the worker's death.

If a widow or widower who is caring for the worker's children receives Social Security benefits, he or she is still eligible if their disability starts before those payments end or within seven years after they end.

Widows, widowers, and surviving divorced spouses cannot apply online for survivors benefits. However, if they want to apply for benefits, they should [contact Social Security immediately](#) at **1-800-772-1213** to request an appointment. (If they are deaf or hard of hearing, they should call our TTY number at **1-800-325-0778**.)

They can speed up the application process if they complete an [Adult Disability Report](#) and have it available at the time of their appointment.

We use the same [definition of disability](#) for widows and widowers as we do for workers.

Related Information

- [Benefits For People With Disabilities](#)
- [How We Decide If You Are Disabled](#)
- [Adult Disability Benefits Checklist](#)

Benefits For A Disabled Child

A child under age 18 may be disabled, but we don't need to consider the child's disability when deciding if he or she qualifies for benefits as your dependent. The child's benefits normally stop at age 18 unless he or she is a full-time student in an elementary or high school (benefits can continue until age 19) or is disabled.

For a child with a disability to receive benefits on your record after age 18, the following rules apply:

- The disabling impairment must have started before age 22, and;
- He or she must meet the [definition of disability](#) for adults.

Adults Disabled Before Age 22

An adult disabled before age 22 may be eligible for child's benefits if a parent is deceased or starts receiving retirement or disability benefits. We consider this a "child's" benefit because it is paid on a parent's Social Security earnings record.

The "adult child"—including an adopted child, or, in some cases, a stepchild, grandchild, or step grandchild—must be unmarried, age 18 or older, and have a disability that started before age 22.

Example: A worker starts collecting Social Security retirement benefits at age 62. He has a 38-year old son who has had cerebral palsy since birth. The son will start collecting a disabled "child's" benefit on his father's Social Security record.

What if the adult child never worked?

It is not necessary that the adult child ever worked. Benefits are paid based on the parent's earnings record.

What if the adult child is currently working?

An adult child must not have substantial earnings. The amount of earnings we consider "substantial" increases each year. In 2018, this means working and earning more than \$1,180 a month.

Certain expenses the adult child incurs in order to work may be excluded from these earnings. For more information about work and disability, refer to [*Working While Disabled: How We Can Help*](#).

What if the adult child is already receiving SSI benefits?

An adult child already receiving SSI benefits should still check to see if benefits may be payable on a parent's earnings record. Higher benefits might be payable and entitlement to Medicare may be possible.

What if the adult child is already receiving disability benefits on his or her own record?

An adult child already receiving disability benefits should still check to see if benefits may be payable on a parent's earnings record.

It is possible for an individual disabled since childhood to attain insured status on his or her own record and be entitled to higher benefits on a parent's record.

What if the parent never worked?

No benefits would be payable on the record of a parent who never worked

Can an application be completed online for disabled adult child's benefits?

At this time, you cannot apply for disabled adult child's benefits online. If you wish to file for benefits, contact Social Security immediately at **1-800-772-1213** to request an appointment. (If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call our TTY number at **1-800-325-0778**.) If you delay, some potential benefits could be lost.

You can speed up the application process if you complete an [Adult Disability Report](#) and have it available at the time of your appointment.

How do we decide if an adult "child" is disabled for SSDI benefits?

If a child is age 18 or older, we will evaluate his or her disability the same way we would evaluate the disability for any adult. We send the application to the Disability Determination Services in your state that completes the disability decision for us.

For detailed information about how we evaluate disability for adults, see [Disability Benefits](#).

What happens if the adult child gets married?

If he or she receives benefits as an adult disabled since childhood, the benefits generally end if he or she gets married. However, some marriages (for example, to another adult disabled child) are considered protected.

The rules vary depending on the situation. Contact a Social Security representative at **1-800-772-1213** (If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TTY number at **1-800-325-0778**) to find out if the benefits can continue.

Related Information

- [Apply For Disability Benefits \(Child Under Age 18\)](#)
- [Family Benefits](#)

Publications

- [Disability Benefits](#)
- [Disability Starter Kits](#)
- [Social Security For People Living With HIV/AIDS](#)
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[MANAGE YOUR BENEFITS](#)

If you prefer to complete your application in a language other than English, the online application will give you the option to schedule an appointment to apply for benefits in your preferred language. The online application is currently only available in English.

[Apply for Disability](#) [Return to a Saved Application](#) [Check Application or Appeal Status](#)

Who can apply for adult disability benefits online?

You can use the online application to apply for disability benefits if you:

- Are age 18 or older;
- Are not currently receiving benefits on your own Social Security record;
- Are unable to work because of a medical condition that is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death; and
- Have not been denied disability benefits in the last 60 days. If your application was recently denied, our [Internet Appeal](#) application is a starting point to request a review of the determination we made.

You can now also file for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) online but only if you meet certain requirements. You are eligible to file online for SSI if you:

- Are between the ages of 18 and 65;
- Have never been married;

- Aren't blind;
- Are a U.S. citizen residing in one of the fifty states, District of Columbia, or the Northern Mariana Islands;
- Haven't applied for or received SSI benefits in the past; and
- Are applying for Social Security Disability Insurance at the same time as your SSI claim. Find out if you are eligible to receive [Social Security Disability Benefits](#).

Once you finish the online process, a Social Security representative will contact you for any additional information needed for the applications.

You can also schedule an appointment with a local Social Security office to file an application. Call **1-800-772-1213** (TTY **1-800-325-0778**) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday or [contact your local Social Security office](#).

How do I apply for benefits?

Here is what you need to do to apply for benefits online:

- Print and review the [Adult Disability Checklist](#)
It will help you gather the information you need to complete the application.
- Complete the [Disability Benefit Application](#).

What information do I need to apply for benefits?

We suggest that you have the following information at hand. It will make completing the application much easier.

Information About You

- Your date and place of birth and Social Security number
- The name, Social Security number and date of birth or age of your current spouse and any former spouse. You should also know the dates and places of marriage and dates of divorce or death (if appropriate)
- Names and dates of birth of your minor children
- Your bank or other financial institution's Routing Transit Number [[more info](#)] and the account number, if you want the benefits electronically deposited

Information About Your Medical Condition

- Name, address and phone number of someone we can contact who knows about your medical conditions and can help with your application
- Detailed information about your medical illnesses, injuries or conditions:
 - Names, addresses, phone numbers, patient ID numbers and dates of treatment for all doctors, hospitals and clinics;
 - Names of medicines you are taking and who prescribed them; and
 - Names and dates of medical tests you have had and who sent you for them.

Information About Your Work

- The amount of money earned last year and this year
- The name and address of your employer(s) for this year and last year
- A copy of your [Social Security Statement](#)
- The beginning and ending dates of any active U.S. military service you had before 1968
- A list of the jobs (up to 5) that you had in the 15 years before you became unable to work and the dates you worked at those jobs
- Information about any workers' compensation, black lung, and/or similar benefits you filed, or intend to file for. These benefits can:
 - Be temporary or permanent in nature;
 - Include annuities and lump sum payments that you received in the past;
 - Be paid by your employer or your employer's insurance carrier, private agencies, or Federal, State or other government or public agencies; and
 - Be referred to as:
 1. Workers' Compensation;
 2. Black Lung Benefits;
 3. Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation;
 4. Civil Service (Disability) Retirement;
 5. Federal Employees' Retirement;
 6. Federal Employees' Compensation;
 7. State or local government disability insurance benefits; or
 8. Disability benefits from the military (This includes military retirement pensions based on disability but not Veterans' Administration (VA) benefits.)

What documents do I need to provide?

We may ask you to provide documents to show that you are eligible, such as:

- Birth certificate or other proof of birth;
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status if you were not born in the United States [[more Info](#)];
- U.S. military discharge paper(s) if you had military service before 1968;
- W-2 forms(s) and/or self-employment tax returns for last year;
- Medical evidence already in your possession [[more info](#)]. This includes medical records, doctors' reports, and recent test results; and
- Award letters, pay stubs, settlement agreements or other proof of any temporary or permanent workers' compensation-type benefits you received [[more info](#)].

We accept photocopies of W-2 forms, self-employment tax returns or medical documents, but we must see the original of most other documents, such as your birth certificate. (We will return them to you.)

Do not delay applying for benefits because you do not have all the documents. We will help you get them.

Mailing Your Documents

If you mail any documents to us, you must include the Social Security number so that we can match them with the correct application. Do not write anything on the original documents. Please write the Social Security number on a separate sheet of paper and include it in the mailing envelope along with the documents.

If you do not want to mail these documents, you may bring them to a Social Security office. Do not mail foreign birth records or any documents from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), especially those you are required to keep with you at all times. These documents are extremely difficult, time-consuming and expensive to replace if lost. Some cannot be replaced. Instead, bring them to a Social Security office where we will examine them and return them to you.

What are the advantages of applying using our online disability application process?

Our online disability application process offers several advantages. You can:

- Start your disability claim immediately. There is no need to wait for an appointment.
- Apply from the convenience of your own home or on any computer.
- Stop and return to your saved application before submission.
- Avoid trips to a Social Security office.
- Complete the process online even if you live outside the United States.

What happens after I apply?

After we receive your online application, we will:

- Provide confirmation of your application- either electronically or by mail.
- Review the application.
- Contact you if we need more information or documentation.
- Inform you if other family members may be able to receive benefits on your record, or if you may be able to receive benefits on another person's record, such as your spouse or your parent.
- Process your application.
- Mail our decision to you.

What other ways can I apply?

You can also apply:

- By phone - Call us at **1-800-772-1213** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can call us at TTY **1-800-325-0778**.
- In person - Visit your [local Social Security office](#). (Call first to make an appointment.)

Dial 211 ---- eLibrary

2-1-1's online eLibrary is a collection of papers on some of the subjects people have asked about over our 40 year history as a human service call center for Connecticut. Each document in the eLibrary gives a quick overview of the subject and points the reader to relevant service providers and to Web links to find more comprehensive detail. The eLibrary is only a research tool. It is not intended to be a substitute for the person-to-person contact that people often need when in crisis or when they need to converse with a trained professional.

When our online listings (the eLibrary and the 2-1-1 Database) do not provide the answers you need, you are encouraged to call 2-1-1 and speak to one of our contact center specialists. We are here 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

- In Connecticut call 2-1-1.
- If you are outside of Connecticut call 1-800-203-1234.

NEW PAPERS

- [Connecticut Medicare Savings Program \(MSP\) Changes – January 2018: A Guide to Help Individuals Impacted](#)
- [El huracán María – Información y formas de ayudar](#)
- [Hurricane Maria – Information & Ways to Help](#)
- [Hurricane Irma – Information & Ways to Help](#)
- [Syrian Humanitarian Refugee Crisis Resources](#)
- [Hurricane Harvey – Information & Ways To Help](#)
- [Benzodiazepine Drug Abuse Information](#)
- [Information for Connecticut Homeowners with Crumbling Concrete Foundations](#)
- [2017 Presidential Executive Orders and Memos](#)
- [Community Care Teams \(CCT's\) and Related Care Coordination for Connecticut's Vulnerable Populations](#)
- [Hartford Opportunity Youth \(HOYC\)](#)
- [Hospital Outpatient Observation Notice and Medicare Patients](#)
- [Opioid Substance Abuse Treatment Options in Connecticut](#)

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- [Youth and Young Adults](#)

SEARCH BY NAME

The following eLibrary papers have been the most popular over the last 7 days:

- [Social Security Cards: Documents Required To Obtain A Social Security Number And Card Or A Replacement Card](#) 3,668 views
- [Replacing Documents When You Have Lost All of Your IDs](#) 243 views
- [Kinship Caregivers/Grandparents Raising Grandchildren/Custodial Relatives](#) 180 views
- [Federal Tax Id Numbers/ State Tax Id Numbers/ Federal Employer Identification Number](#) 148 views
- [Birth Certificates](#) 106 views
- [HUSKY Health Plans](#) 50 views
- [Drivers License](#) 43 views
- [Security Deposit Assistance](#) 36 views
- [Subsidized Housing Information And Tips](#) 34 views
- [Medicare Savings Programs: QMB / SLMB / ALMB](#) 27 views

Affordable Housing

Subsidized Housing Information And Tips



TYPES OF SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

1. HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM: The program formerly known as the **Section 8 Voucher Program** is now officially known as the **Housing Choice Voucher Program**. However, since the name Section 8 has been used for over thirty years, many people still refer to it as the Section 8 Voucher program. The Housing Choice Voucher Program is administered by the State of Connecticut Department of Housing and local Housing Authorities. It is a major federal program that helps very low income families, seniors, and people with disabilities afford housing in the private market. Some vouchers are tenant based and some are project based. In the **tenant based** program, the voucher is assigned to the household (individual or family) seeking housing. Tenant-based housing may also be called “**portable**” since renters can take the voucher with them when they move within the United States and its territories. In the **project based** program, the housing subsidy is attached to the unit and often is not “**portable.**”

Housing Choice Voucher Program Website: The State of Connecticut Department of Housing and Public Housing Authorities in Connecticut that have the Housing Choice Voucher Program are required to post information about any opening of their Housing Choice Voucher Program Wait List on a website maintained by the United Way of Connecticut/2-1-1, <http://www.cthcvp.org/>. At this website, you can check for any currently open Housing Choice Voucher Program wait list in Connecticut. You can also register for an automatic email update, which will advise you when a housing authority posts an opening on this website. Some housing authorities may post current information about other housing options on their own website. Applications are only accepted during times when the waitlists are open.

2. SITE BASED RENT SUBSIDY PROGRAMS: With site based or **project based** rent subsidy programs the subsidy is assigned to a public or private housing development. Site based housing may also be called “**non-portable**” since tenants cannot take the housing subsidy with them when they move. Although there is a **project based Section 8 rent subsidy program** (administered by HUD) and other funding programs administered by HUD and other federal and state agencies, most project based rent subsidy programs are NOT consistently identified by their funding source, e.g., Section 8, Section 202. This type of subsidized rental housing may be easier to get into because there are more units available and generally speaking the tenants cannot take the voucher with them when they move.

3. RAP (Rental Assistance Program) VOUCHERS: RAP is a state-funded program administered by the Connecticut Department of Housing. The Department of Housing monitors

the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program and State Rental Assistance Program (RAP) waiting lists statewide, and may open up the program periodically for a lottery, to be placed on the waiting list.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN LOOKING FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING

The State of Connecticut Department of Housing and local public housing agencies that have Housing Choice Voucher Programs will have a wait list established for people seeking Housing Choice Vouchers. Housing authorities and other agencies usually close their wait list to new applicants once they have a certain number of names on the wait list. There are only a small number of agencies in Connecticut that offer Housing Choice Voucher Programs. However, there are hundreds of subsidized rental projects, managed privately or by a housing authority. While many of these non-portable subsidized rental programs may also have wait lists for rental units, the larger number of programs means that people seeking subsidized rental housing will have a better chance of finding a rental with a non-portable program than they will by getting on a Housing Choice Voucher Program wait list.

TIPS FOR FINDING SUBSIDIZED RENTAL HOUSING IN CONNECTICUT

- Call HUD (Hartford Office: 860-240-4800) and ask for the guidebook called “Looking for HUD-Associated Rental Housing in Connecticut” or go to the HUD website to order a copy at the following address, <http://1.usa.gov/LOrU8d>. The guidebook lists all sites that have HUD funding for subsidized apartments. **It is NOT a list of available apartments.** The guidebook lists housing projects in town order, and includes agent, address and phone number. You can call and place your name on as many waiting lists as you want for those sites that have an open wait list.
- Check the Housing Choice Voucher Program website (see above) for open choice voucher lists and for housing authority contact information.
- Call your local housing authority to see if you can place your name on their wait list for public housing sites. Some housing authorities (usually the smaller ones) never close their wait list. Other housing authorities only open their wait list for a short time. You can place your name on as many housing authority lists as you want.
- Try searching on the website cthousingsearch.org.
- Check the classified section of a daily newspaper in the area where you want to live. Newspapers publish announcements of openings for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and list subsidized rent apartments.
- Call 2-1-1 or search our database for low income housing at: ([Connecticut's Community Resources Database](#)).
- Search HUD's list of Connecticut rental resources at <http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=CT%2CConnecticut>.
- It is illegal to discriminate against a person with a Housing Choice Voucher, so if you think this is happening to you, call the Connecticut Fair Housing Center.
- To read more about housing topics [check out our housing eLibrary papers](#)
- To get an idea of income limits for Section 8 and other rent subsidy programs, go to: <http://uwc.211ct.org/area-median-income-limits-connecticut/>, click on the link to the

HUD document, find the area that you want to live in, and look at the “Very Low Income” line.

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