

Long Term Care Medicaid Requirements Snapshot

Long term care in a nursing facility is covered financially through private pay, nursing home Texas Medicaid or long term care insurance. Nursing facility staff are not allowed to give you legal or financial advice on how to qualify for Texas Medicaid, they can only provide the forms and list of requirements. If you are considering applying for Medicaid to cover room and board here are some of the basic requirements: (this list is not all inclusive)

Single Applicant

- Must be a US citizen or lawfully admitted Alien
- Must be a Texas resident
- Must be at least 65 years old or disabled
- Must meet a Medical Necessity assessment for long term care
- Must be in a nursing facility, in a Medicaid certified bed for 30 days
- Must have monthly income less than \$2,250.00
- Must have countable resources less than \$2,000.00

“Couple” Applicant

- All criteria is the same except-
- Must have combined income less than \$4,500.00 per month
- Must have Countable Resources less than \$3,000.00

Exempt Assets

- Homestead less than \$572,000.00
- Personal property
- Automobile
- Irrevocable pre-paid funeral contracts
- Burial plots

Medicaid coverage is complicated. The criteria changes annually and there are different qualifications for applicants with a spouse in the community, applicants applying as married couples and single applicants. It is highly recommended that you do your research prior to applying and solicit the advice of an elder law attorney if needed. Additional information and forms can be found at www.yourtexasbenefits.com or calling Texas Health and Human Services directly at 1-877-541-7905 or 2-1-1