

Classic Medicaid Information

	Oldest Document	Total Cases
Classic Medicaid: Spend Down Program	11/23	126
Classic Medicaid: Daily Spenddown Emergent Cases	12/2	1
Classic Medicaid: Alien Emergency Medical Program	11/17	48

Community Services Office Reopen Nov. 15

- Primary access point will remain through the Call Center.
- Phased lobby reopening
- Phase 1:
 - EBT cards, gas cards, and bus passes
 - Authorized WorkFirst support services
 - CSO lobby phones to connect the Call Center
- Future phases include in-person services for those:
 - with reasonable accommodations or specialized needs
 - experiencing family violence or are in crisis
 - needing SSI application support
 - who cannot access services through the phone
 - who are Refugees working with advocates
 - who need ASL interpretation when no TTY service is available

Disaster Cash Assistance Program

- Program re-started for those affected by flooding.
- To be eligible:
 - Suffered losses and live in affected county;
 - Have net income (after financial losses are deducted) that is within the limits listed in WAC 388-436-0050
 - The applicant or anyone in their assistance unit is not eligible for any other cash program (including UC)
 - Demonstrate a financial need for emergency funds.

Special Immigrants from Afghanistan

- UPDATE: Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance (ORIA) determined all four classes of immigrants from Afghanistan will be eligible for federal benefits
- Adults without children will be eligible for Refugee Cash Assistance

Max Basic Food benefit amounts

- Approved for December 2021
- All Basic Food households except for those with a \$0 issuance
- Temporary increase, and it will end when COVID Emergency ends.

Social Security COLA and Medicare changes

- Social Security and Supplemental Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 5.9 percent COLA for 2022.
- This may affect benefit amounts. Change letters will be sent.

CN Medical Standard (SSI payment standard)		
	2021	2022
Individual	\$794	\$841
Couple	\$1191	\$1261

Medicare Part B Premium	
2021	2022
\$148.50	\$170.10

Child Care (DCYF) Income Limits Increased

- Effective October 1st, income limits to qualify increase from 200% FPL to 60% of the state median income
- Families are encouraged to apply to determine if they are eligible under the new income standards
- Apply at Washington Connection or at 844-626-8687

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Income at Initial Application
2	\$3,460
3	\$4,274
4	\$5,088
5	\$5,903
6	\$6,717
7	\$6,869
8	\$7,022
9	\$7,175

Questions?

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