



# Financial Assistance and options for in-home services

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## Medicare Helpline

1-800-633-4227

medicare.gov

**Medicare** – Pays the full cost of medically necessary home health visits that meet specific criteria by a Medicare approved home health agency. A home health agency is a public or private agency that provides skilled nursing care and physical therapy in the patient's home. These services are usually provided on a periodic basis by a visiting nurse and/or home health aide. Some services may require you to be confined to your home and be under a physician's care. Check with your home health agency regarding Medicare coverage.

**Medicare Hospice Care** – Medicare pays for hospice care for terminally ill beneficiaries who choose to receive hospice care rather than regular Medicare benefits for management of their illness. Medicare Hospice is primarily a program of care provided in the patient's home by a Medicare approved hospice provider. The focus is on care and not cure. Ask your hospice care provider about specific Medicare coverage.

## Department of Health and Human Services Nebraska State Office

Lincoln only: 402-323-3900

Statewide: 800-383-4278

Help line: 800-254-4202

Apply on-line: [accessnebraska.ne.gov](http://accessnebraska.ne.gov)

*These programs have income and resource requirements.*

**Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)** – A person must be age 60 and over or disabled to be eligible. Income may be up to \$1,437 per month. A couple may have up to \$1,613 per month to qualify. Services may include transportation, meals-on-wheels, adult day care, congregate meals, and chores (grocery shopping, light housekeeping, laundry, and meal preparation.)

**Disabled Persons & Family Support Program** – Persons age 60 and over or disabled may qualify if income is less than \$5,017 per month. A couple may have up to \$6,445 per month. There are also asset limits: a single person can't be more than \$35,000, couples can't be greater than \$50,000. The program may assist with disability related expenses such as architectural home modification to remove barriers, home health care, special equipment, housekeeping, medications and supplies, medical mileage, and transportation. To apply call 402-471-9188 (Lincoln).

**Medicaid** – A State program that assists in the payment of medical expenses for eligible people age 65 and over, blind or disabled. In-home service includes personal and home health care. Income and resources must be below the medical assistance guidelines: \$1,255 per month for individuals and a couple may have up to \$1,704 per month.

**Medicaid Waiver** – Provides Medicaid recipients with significant health problems funding for the following services that are not usually considered "medical," i.e., chore services: housekeeping, meal preparation, shopping, escort and supervision, adult day care, respite care, independent skills management and transportation.

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