



Public Assistance Program Information

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Program	Benefit	Eligibility Criteria
Adult Public Assistance (including Interim Assistance)	Maximum \$362/month; combined with SSI, maximum is \$1,036/month.	<p>The Adult Public Assistance program is designed as a State supplement to the Federal Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI). As such, it confers Medicaid eligibility to its recipients.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 65, blind or disabled • AK resident • Less than \$2,000 (single) \$3,000 (couple) in assets excluding house, one vehicle, burial fund • Monthly income below \$1,252 for an individual, \$1,854 for a couple, both eligible
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Maximum \$674/month combined with APA maximum is \$1,036/month.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 65, blind or disabled • Less than \$2,000 (single) \$3,000 (couple) in assets excluding house, one vehicle, burial fund • Monthly income below \$674 for an individual, \$1,011 for a couple, both eligible
Senior Benefits Program	Monthly payment of \$125, \$175, or \$250 depending on income.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 65 • AK resident • Yearly income of below \$23,678 for an individual or \$31,868 for a couple
Alaska Temporary Assistance Program	Maximum cash benefit of \$821 for a family with 1 child, \$923 for a family with 2 children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK resident • Families with dependent children under age 18 • Child support cooperation • 60-month time limit • Participation in work activities and family self-sufficiency planning • Not more than \$2,000 in assets per household, \$3,000 for a household who has at least one member who is over 60 • Net income of not more than \$1,301 for a family with 1 child, \$1,464 for a family with 2 children
Food Stamps Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Average household allotment in FY09 was \$410.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK resident • Net income of not more than \$1,128 for an individual or \$1,518 for a couple; levels increase based on household size • Not more than \$2,000 in assets per household, \$3,000 for a household who has at least one member who is disabled or over 60
Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP – 100% federally-funded)	\$2,659/year average per household in FY09.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides help in paying for home heating costs • Annual home heating costs must exceed \$200 • Gross income at or below \$1,691 for an individual, \$2,276 for a couple (150% of federal poverty level)
Alaska Heating Assistance Program 100% state-funded	\$1,395/year average per household in FY09.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides help in paying for home heating costs • Annual home heating costs must exceed \$200 • Gross income between 151% to 225% of federal poverty level or \$2,537 for an individual, \$3,414 for a couple
Medicaid	Provides medical assistance to needy individuals and families. Basically, it is intended to provide medical coverage for needy families with children, pregnant women, and aged, blind and disabled persons.	<p>To be eligible, recipients must meet certain income and/or resource criteria. These criteria vary depending on the particular Medicaid category for which the recipient is eligible for. Generally, the Medicaid program uses income and resource criteria for the most closely associated cash assistance programs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The eligibility criteria for families with children and pregnant women are based on the eligibility criteria used for the Alaska Temporary Assistance program except DKC. • Eligibility criteria for aged, blind, and disabled persons are based on eligibility criteria used for the Adult Public Assistance program.

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Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance	Provides emergency medical coverage for persons who do not qualify for Medicaid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age 18 or older • Lack of other medical resources • Covered medical needs only include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A terminal illness ○ Cancer requiring chemotherapy ○ Diabetes and diabetes insipidus ○ Seizure disorders ○ Chronic mental illness ○ Hypertension • Assets that do not exceed \$500 • Countable income of not more than \$300 for an individual or \$400 for a couple
General Relief Assistance	Provides for emergent basic needs for shelter, utilities, food, clothing, or burial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK resident • Have an emergent need for shelter, food, clothing or burial • Assets that do not exceed \$500 • Countable income of not more than \$300 for an individual or \$400 for a couple
Women Infants & Children (WIC)	Provides nutrition education, referrals, breastfeeding support and vouchers to purchase supplemental foods designed to address nutrient inadequacies and nutrition education.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK resident • Must have a nutrition risk • Pregnant , breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to five years of age • Must meet income criteria or must be within 185% of poverty • Yearly income of \$25,031 for a 1 person household, \$33,689 for a 2 person household
WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program	Provides vouchers for purchase of fruits and/or vegetables. Provides nutrition education materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK Resident • Current WIC participants • Only available in Anchorage, Kenai, Mat Su, Homer, Dillingham, Fairbanks, Bethel, Sitka, and surrounding areas. • Yearly income of \$25,031 for a 1 person household, \$33,689 for a 2 person household
Commodity Supplemental Food Program	Provides supplemental foods designed to address nutrient inadequacies. Includes nutrition education. Cannot have concurrent participation in WIC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK resident • Pregnant , breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants and children up to six years of age or senior citizens over age 60 • Yearly income for woman, infants, and children for family of two \$33,689 or one person household of \$17,589 for senior citizen (2009) • Only available in Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Fairbanks, and limited outlying areas. June-October only
Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program	Provides vouchers for purchase of fresh fruits and/or vegetables from local farmer's markets. Provides nutrition education materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AK resident • 60 years of age or older • Participation in CSFP, TEFAP, Public Assistance, FSNEP, or household participation in WIC, CSFP, or Free or Reduced School Meals • Yearly income \$25,031 for one person household, \$33,689 for two person household (2009) • Available in Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kenai, Fairbanks, and limited outlying areas.
Child Care Assistance	Provides monthly subsidy to help low income families pay for child care. Benefit is paid to the child care provider based on geographic location, type of care and age of children.	<p>The parent(s) in the family must be participating in work, seek work, school or training activities and meet income criteria. Countable income is dependent on the household size.</p> <p>Child(ren) must be under the age of 13 or under the age of 19 if developmentally disabled.</p> <p>Income limits are set at 85% of 2002 median income for Alaska: \$3,854 for household of 3, \$4,190 for a household of 4, etc.</p>