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Dane County Services & Referrals

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Social Security Applications

Assistance with Social Security Applications in Dane county for adults with a primary mental health diagnosis.

- SSI & SSDI Applications
- Help completing related paperwork
- Assistance completing appeal paperwork for SSDI or SSI denials

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Disability Determination

The Disability Determination Bureau (DDB) makes decisions for Wisconsin residents applying for disability benefits.

- Both Medical and Work information is considered in the disability determination for adults.
- Eligibility for SSI and SSDI uses the same disability determination process.
- A disability determination through Social Security will meet the disability requirement for many other programs.

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Social Security Applications

Community Benefits Specialist Program
<https://eri-wi.org/services/cbs/contact/>

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
<https://eri-wi.org/programs/ccs/>

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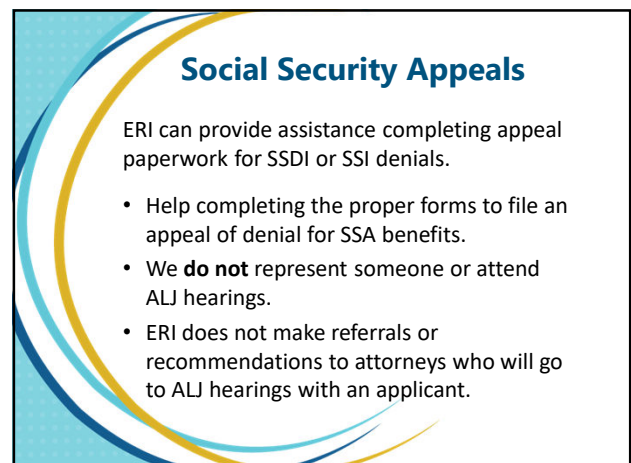


Social Security Appeals

Someone who is found not to have a disability by Social Security's standards (denied eligibility) can appeal this decision.

- Denial notice has important information about next steps if someone chooses to appeal, including timeframe information.
- There is a 60-day limit to file an appeal. Good cause may be granted if someone misses the deadline, but it's at Social Security's discretion.
- These appeals can be requested online:
<https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-561.html>

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Social Security Appeals

ERI can provide assistance completing appeal paperwork for SSDI or SSI denials.

- Help completing the proper forms to file an appeal of denial for SSA benefits.
- We **do not** represent someone or attend ALJ hearings.
- ERI does not make referrals or recommendations to attorneys who will go to ALJ hearings with an applicant.

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Medicaid

Medicaid is a federal and state funded program to provide health care coverage to Wisconsin residents.

- There are different Medicaid programs with varying eligibility rules that people may be enrolled in.
- Medicaid eligibility is often important for not only covering regular medical services, but also for eligibility for other supportive programs like CCS (Comprehensive Community Services) or Long-Term Care.

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Medicaid Unwinding

Medicaid coverage was “continuous” during the Covid public health emergency. During that time, no one had Medicaid renewals or lost eligibility based on income, assets, etc.

- Medicaid renewals restarted in spring 2023.
- Everyone is back on a review schedule.
- Program eligibility rules applied once someone was renewed.
- Eligibility rules applied to all new applications starting April 2023.

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Medicaid Renewals

ForwardHealth: Health Care Renewals information
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/renewals.htm>

Health Care Renewal Fact Sheet
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p1/p10049.pdf>

The quickest way to renew is online through an account on access.wi.gov.

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Medicaid Renewals

ACCESS Website
<https://access.wisconsin.gov/access/>

ACCESS & MyACCESS Information
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03328.pdf>

Text & Email Communication Options
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p03330.pdf>

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BC+ vs. EBD Medicaid

BadgerCare Plus provides health coverage to low-income children and adults (19-64) in Wisconsin.

- HH based on tax filing status or relationship rules
- Income limits
- No asset limit

EBD Medicaid provides coverage to people with disabilities and those age 65+.

- HH is usually 1 or 2
- Programs have income limits
- Asset limits
- Disability determination required (if under 65)

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MAPP Premiums

MAPP premiums re-started in Aug 2024. They have changes since pre-pandemic.

- People with gross income over 100% FPL (\$1,255 in 2024) have a premium.
- Minimum premium is \$25.
- Premiums are due by 10th of the month.
- Someone can pay online through ACCESS, by check, EFT, or wage withholding.

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Medicaid Applications

Someone can apply for Medicaid:

- Online through [ACCESS](#)
- By phone (Capital Consortium: 888-794-5556)
- By sending a paper application by mail or fax
<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forwardhealth/apply.htm>

If someone needs help with a Medicaid application, they can contact ERI!

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Work Incentives Benefits Counseling

Helping someone understand how earnings from work can change ongoing cash benefits and health insurance coverage and costs.

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Work Incentives Benefits Counseling

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)
<https://eri-wi.org/programs/ccs/>

Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA)
<https://eri-wi.org/programs/wipa/>

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)
<https://dwd.wisconsin.gov/dvr/>

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Services ERI Does Not Provide

Common services ERI is asked about that we do not provide include:

- Financial Counseling / Budgeting,
- Help obtaining records (eg: birth certificate),
- Children's applications for benefits,
- Taxes,
- Estate Planning,
- Setting up Special Needs Trusts,
- Case Management, and
- Housing.

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Questions

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