

Nursing Facility Services

What is a nursing facility?

A nursing facility provides 24-hour care for rehabilitative, restorative and ongoing skilled nursing care to patients or residents in need of assistance with Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, transferring, toileting and eating.

If I qualify, what services may I receive in a nursing facility?

Extensive help with:

- Eating
- Bathing
- Dressing
- Grooming
- Moving from one surface to another (transferring)
- Walking or using a wheelchair
- Toileting
- Changing positions in bed (bed mobility)

Other services:

- Residential care – 24 hour nursing care
- Rehabilitation
- Specialized services as determined through Level II determination
- Skilled Nursing

Who qualifies medically for nursing facility services?

People who:

- Meet the level of care criteria for nursing facility, **AND**
- Have an order from a physician licensed in Louisiana for admission into a nursing facility, **AND**
- Are screened prior to admission for a history or active treatment of mental illness and/or developmental disabilities according to federal regulations.

What are the current income and resource limits for financial eligibility?

Income:

- \$2,523 for an individual (up to 3 times the SSI amount)
- \$5,046 for a couple (when both spouses receive long-term care)
- If an individual's countable income is over the cap amounts above, he/she will be considered under the Medically Needy Program* (See below.)

Resources:

- \$2,000 for an individual
- \$3,000 for a couple
- \$137,400 in resources, as long as one spouse at home does not receive long-term care

NOTE: These income and resource limits are subject to change each year.

*Under the Medically Needy Program, an individual whose income is over the monthly income limit may be certified if their excess income can be spent down using the projected Medicaid facility fee, health insurance premiums, and other incurred medical expenses.

You can call the Medicaid Office in your parish for further clarification.

If you want to find out about nursing facilities or Home and Community-Based Services, call Louisiana Options in Long Term Care at 1-877-456-1146 (TTY: 1-855-296-0226)

You can call Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The call is free.