

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 (combing hair, brushing teeth, shaving, etc.)
- 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 services



Who qualifies medically for nursing facility services?

People who:

- Meet the level of care criteria for a nursing facility **AND**
- Have an order from a physician, licensed in Louisiana, for admission to 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/resource limits for financial eligibility?

Income:

- \$2,901 for an individual (up to 3 times the SSI amount)
- \$5,802 for a couple (when both spouses receive long-term care)
- If an individual's countable income is over the cap amounts above, they will be considered under the Medically Needy Program* (see below)

Resources:

- \$2,000 for an individual
- \$3,000 for a couple
- \$157,920 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.

Call the Medicaid Office in your parish for further clarification.



**If you want to apply for nursing facility admission
OR
if you have questions about Home and Community-Based Services
(HCBS) that OAAS provides, please call:**

**Louisiana Options in Long Term Care
1-877-456-1146
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**Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
The call is FREE!**