

Entitlement Resources

The following are a list of entitlement resources that should be reviewed and accessed, when appropriate, in developing a comprehensive consumer plan of care.

Department of Social Services- Special Assistance (SA) Program

State-County Special Assistance for Adults (SA) provides a cash supplement to help low-income individuals residing in adult care homes (such as rest homes) pay for their care. Adult care homes are unlike nursing homes in that medical care is not provided by home staff.

For more information on the Special Assistance program please review the following links.

http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/aging/adultsvcs/afs_special.htm

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/doa/sa/man/index.htm>

SA IN-HOME OPTION

Established in September 2000, the Special Assistance In-Home Program (formerly the SA Demonstration Project) provides an alternative to placement in an Adult Care Home (ACH) for individuals who could live at home safely with additional support services.

<http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/doa/saih/man/>

Social Security- Retirement and Survivors Benefits

If you have a consumer that is at least 62 yrs. old and may qualify for Social Security Retirement benefits or is younger than 62 yrs. and may qualify for Survivors Benefits please reference the following links.

Social Security Retirement

<http://www.ssa.gov/retirement.html>

Social Security Survivors

<http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10084.html>

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pay's monthly benefits to people with limited income and resources who are disabled, blind, or age 65 or older. Blind or disabled children, as well as adults, can get SSI benefits.

For more information on qualifying and applying for SSI benefits use the below link.

<http://www.ssa.gov/notices/supplemental-security-income/text-understanding-ssi.htm>

Social Security Disability (SSDI)

To qualify for Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, you must first have worked in jobs covered by Social Security. Then you must have a medical condition that meets Social Security's definition of disability. In general this benefit pay's monthly Social Security to people who are unable to work for a year or more because of a disability.

For more information on qualifying and applying for SSDI benefits use the below link.

<http://www.ssa.gov/dibplan/index.htm>

Medicare

Medicare is a Health Insurance Program for people 65 years of age and older, some disabled people under 65 years of age, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure treated with dialysis or a transplant).

For more information on eligibility and enrollment use the below link.

<http://www.medicare.gov/MedicareEligibility/Home.asp?dest=NAV|Home|GeneralEnrollment#TabTop>

Medicaid

Medicaid is a Health insurance program for a wide variety of individuals and disabilities. Medicaid benefits and eligibility vary according to a person's circumstances. There are several different groups of individuals who qualify for Medicaid benefits. All have income limits and some have resource limits.

For eligibility criteria for Medicaid see the below link.

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/covgroups.htm>

NC Health choice (NCHC)

As of October 1998, families who make too much money to qualify for Medicaid but too little to afford rising health insurance premiums are able to get free or reduced price comprehensive health care for their children. The plan, "*NC Health Choice for Children*," is the same as coverage provided for the children of state employees and teachers, plus vision, hearing and dental benefits.

For more information on eligibility and enrollment use the below link.

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dma/cpcont.htm#who>

Resources:

SSA site that helps determine what benefits someone may qualify for:

<http://best.ssa.gov/>

Programs offered through the Department of Social Services

<http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/dss/programs/index.htm>