

Neighborhood Services Department

Aging & Eligibility Services

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## **MANATEE COUNTY AGING AND ELIGIBILITY SERVICES**

### **AGING SERVICES STATE FUNDED PROGRAMS ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

#### **Community Care for the Elderly:**

- Client must be 60+ years of age
- Client must be a full time resident of Manatee County
- Client and/or Caregiver require assistance in the home in order to remain at home and out of facility placement.
- Client is charged a nominal monthly co-pay based on individual or couple income utilizing a state created sliding scale. Grant funds pay for the remaining balance.
- Services: Personal Care, Homemaker, Adult Daycare, Home Delivered Meals, Emergency Alert Response, Respite, Medical Transportation.

#### **Alzheimer's Disease Initiative:**

- Client must be 18+ years of age
- Client must be a full time resident of Manatee County
- Client must have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease or some other memory impairment diagnosis.
- Client and/or Caregiver require assistance in the home in order to remain at home and out of facility placement.

- Client is charged a nominal monthly co-pay based on individual or couple income utilizing a state created sliding scale. Grant funds pay for the remaining balance.
- Services: Respite

#### Home Care for the Elderly:

- Client must be 60+ years of age
- Client must be a full time resident of Manatee County
- Client must require and be receiving 24 hour care with a primary caregiver.
- Client must not have a monthly gross income higher than \$2,163.00
- Client must not have assets over \$2,000 (this does not include one home and one vehicle). Income and Asset guidelines are subject to change via the state.
- Services: Monthly financial stipend of \$106 to the primary caregiver and the possibility to be reimbursed for out of pocket costs such as incontinent supplies.

#### AGING SERVICES FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAMS ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

##### Emergency Home Energy Assistance for the Elderly:

- Household must have at least one person 60+ residing there (this person will be the applicant)
- Household must be in an energy crisis: Past Due Bill, Final Notice, Electric Off, Deposit Required.
- Household gross income is allowed to be up to 150% of the federal poverty level.
- Service: Assistance paying electric company to resolve energy crisis. Each application is allowed up to \$600 in assistance.

## BENEFITS SERVICES ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

### Prescription Assistance

- Client must be a resident of Manatee County, completely uninsured and provide the following eligibility documentation to determine if eligible.
- 2 Proofs of Residency (something recent and official that has the applicants name and address on it)
- Income: Last 3 months of income for eligible household members: If wages, pay stubs are utilized if Social Security an award letter the year is utilized. If applicant does not have an income source we require a letter of support showing how much a month it costs to assist applicant with basic needs.
- Eligible household members: Spouse and minors
- Proof of current Food Stamp amount
- Last 3 months of bank statements
- Value of any assets outside of one home and one vehicle (asset value has to meet the same poverty levels as listed below)
- Allowed to be up to 100% of the poverty level for ages 18-59 and 125% of the poverty level for ages 60+
- Service: Allows for applicants deemed eligible to have prescriptions filled at participating pharmacies for 6 months. Prescriptions must be from a Manatee County physician.

### Health Care Responsibility Act (HCRA)

- Client must be a resident of Manatee County, and provide the following eligibility documentation to determine if eligible.
- 1 Proof of Residency
- Last month of income verification for eligible household members
- Eligible household members: Spouse, Domestic Partner, Minors
- Last month of bank statements.
- Value of any assets outside of one home and one vehicle
- Allowed to be up to 150% of the poverty level
- Must be an emergency inpatient / outpatient admission in an out of county participation hospital.
- Treating hospital initiates the application process
- Service: Allows hospital cost to be covered.

### Indigent Burial Program

- Deceased must expire in Manatee County
- Funeral Homes submit application for cremation or burial
- Burial of cremains or bodies is done at the county cemetery (New Memphis)
- Service: Burial / Cremation

### Ambulance Fee Assistance Program

- Client must be a resident of Manatee County and provide the following eligibility documentation to determine if eligible.
- 2 Proofs of Residency
- Income: Last 3 months of income for eligible household members
- Eligible household members: Spouse and minors
- Last 3 months of bank statements
- Proof of current Food Stamp amount
- Value of any assets outside of one home and one vehicle
- Allowed to be up to 200% of the poverty level
- Service: Have anywhere from 0 – 100% of EMS Ambulance Bill waived.

## Manatee County Healthcare Program

- Client must be a resident of Manatee County, completely uninsured and provide the following eligibility documentation to determine if eligible.
- 1 Proof of Residency
- Income: Last 3 months of income for eligible household members
- Eligible household members: Spouse and minors
- Proof of current Food Stamp amount
- Allowed to be up to 200% of the poverty level
- Clients are approved for six months