

Medicaid for nursing home care

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Once you start getting Medicaid for nursing home care, you can keep \$109/month for your personal needs. The rest of your income will go toward your housing, food, and care at your nursing home and other eligible expenses (for example, an amount set aside for your spouse, guardianship fees, or additional medical expenses. This isn't a complete list).

If your spouse stays at home, they can keep all the income paid in their name. They can also keep

Some resources, like your house, car, and personal items don't get counted for the resource limit.

The resource limit for you is **\$2,000**.

The resource limit for your spouse is **\$162,660**.

Important! Within a year after your Medicaid for nursing home care is approved, any resources over \$2,000 in your name should be transferred to your spouse. Your spouse can keep the resources transferred into their name

If you give something away for less than fair market value, DSHS will divide the value of the gift by the Daily Private Nursing Facility Rate to determine the number of days in your penalty period.

Example: if you own a home with \$50,000 equity and you give it to your adult child who has no disabilities and hasn't been your live-in caregiver for over 2 years, you won't be eligible for Medicaid for nursing home care for about 108 days ($\$50,000 \div \462).