

# **Benefits Quick Guide**

## **Medicare Savings Program (MSP)**

Effective 3/1/25-2/29/25

### **QMB**

Monthly Income Guideline

• Single: \$2,752

Couple: \$3,719

### **SLMB**

Monthly Income Guidelines

• Single: \$3,013

• Couple: \$4,072

### **ALMB**

Monthly Income Guidelines

• Single: \$3,209

• Couple: \$4,336

## Important notes about MSP

- + There is no asset limit or estate recoupment for MSP.
- + Individuals who qualify for MSP and missed enrollment into Medicare A and/or B may be able to enroll into Medicare through MSP. For information on how to enroll into Medicare through MSP, click here.
- + Earned income disregard applies to income limits: For earned income, the first \$65 and then half of the remainder is not counted toward eligibility. For more info on the Medicare Savings Program, click here.





# Extra Help/Low Income Subsidy (LIS)

Effective 1/1/25-12/31/25

Full LIS Level 1 copays (Medicare + MSP)

• Generic drugs: \$4.90

• Brand Drugs: \$12.15

Full LIS Level 2 copays (Medicare + HUSKY C)

• Generic drugs: \$1.60

Brand Drugs: \$4.80

 Maximum out of pocket cost-sharing \$17 per month

Full LIS Level 3 copays (Medicare + Medicaid

## Important notes about LIS:

- + MSP recipients automatically qualify for full LIS level 1.
- + Connecticut residents should consider applying for LIS through MSP because MSP has no asset restrictions and higher income guidelines.
- + Beneficiaries who have LIS will be randomly assigned to a benchmark Part D plan if they do not select a plan on their own. Beneficiaries with Extra Help who are enrolled in a benchmark plan will have a \$0 monthly premium for their coverage. However, they still benefit from a plan comparison to determine the best plan that covers all their medications.
- + Individuals entitled to LIS who do not yet have a Part D plan can be eligible for immediate drug coverage through **LI**

**NET**. For more information on LI NET and eligibility requirements, click here.





# Medicaid for those age 65+, blind or with a disability (HUSKY C)

Effective 3/1/25

### **Husky C Monthly Income Guidelines:**

• Single: \$1,370\*

• Couple: \$2,198\*

### **HUSKY C Asset limits:**

• Single: \$1,600

• Couple: \$2,400

### Unearned income disregard

• Single \$535

• Couple: \$1,070

## Earned income disregard:

Subtract \$65, then divide by half

### *Important notes about HUSKY C:*

- + State income regions A, B and C eliminated 7/1/22 statewide standard limit now in effect.
- + \*Income limits include single unearned disregard of \$535 and couple unearned disregard of \$1,070 Income counted may be higher or lower than this amount based on living arrangements. Beneficiaries should still apply if above these income limits.





# **Medicaid Expanded Benefits (HUSKY D)**

Effective 3/1/25

## **Husky D Monthly Income Guidelines**

Household Size of 1 MAGI monthly Income: \$1,800
Household Size of 2 MAGI monthly Income: \$2,433

### Important notes about HUSKY D:

- + For those 18-64 without minor children or Medicare
- + Apply through Access Health CT online at accesshealthct.com
- + Eligibility is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) in the tax household
- + No spend-down provision if you are over the income guidelines
- + No asset limits





## Medicaid for Employees with Disabilities (MED-CONNECT)

Effective 4/1/25

### **MED-CONNECT Income limits:**

Earnings up to \$85,000/year

### **MED-CONNECT Asset limits:**

- Single person \$20,000
- Married couple \$30,000

## Important notes about MED-CONNECT:

- + Enrollees may have to pay monthly premium, depending on their income level.
- + Only the applicant's income counts to determine program eligibility. Spouse's income is counted when determining monthly premium amounts.
- + As of July 2026 will start phasing out income and asset limits over a period of four years.
- + Full MED-CONNECT program details can be found by clicking here.





# Medicaid for parents and caregivers with children under age 19 (HUSKY A)

Effective 3/1/25

## **Monthly Income Limits for parents/caregivers:**

• Family of 2: \$2,433

• Family of 3: \$3,065

### Important notes about HUSKY A:

- + There are other groups covered under HUSKY A, including pregnant women. There are different income and asset limits for different groups under HUSKY A.
- + Eligibility is based on Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI).
- + There is no asset test for this HUSKY A coverage group.
- + SSI and certain other types of income do not count toward eligibility limits, and certain expenses are deducted from eligibility.





# **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

Effective 10/1/24

### **Gross monthly income limits**

Household Size of 1: \$2,510

• Household Size of 2: \$3,407

### **Asset limits**

Households below 200% FPL: No asset limit

• Households above 200% FPL: \$4,500

### Maximum monthly SNAP benefit

Household Size of 1: \$292

• Household Size of 2: \$536

## Important notes about SNAP

- Certain income and assets are not counted toward eligibility.
- For full SNAP program details, click here.





## **Information and Programs for Persons with Disabilities**

## **Bureau of Rehabilitation Services (BRS)**

Assists persons with disabilities wanting to return to work. Call 1-800-537-2549.

## **BRS Benefits Counseling**

Benefits Specialist explain the benefits of working and how employment works without benefits. Call 1-800-773-4636 or <u>click here to find your local contact for a BRS Benefits Counselor.</u>

#### **Ticket to Work**

9-month trial test period to return to work. Individuals get full benefits regardless of money earned. Call 1-866-968-7842.

## **Centers for Independent Living (CILs)**

Provide peer support, I&R, advocacy, independent skills training to persons with disabilities <u>Click here for your local Center for Independent Living</u> contact information

### **ABLE Accounts**

Tax-free savings accounts for people with a disability prior to age 26 to pay for qualified disability expenses.

Call 1-888-609-3268 or click here for more information on ABLE accounts.





### **Senior Outreach and Engagement**

Identify, engage, refer & link adults 55 years old+ adults to individually tailored community treatment options. Click here for more information and regional contacts for the Senior Outreach and Engagement Program.

#### **DSS Contacts**

### Mailing applications

Husky C, MSP and SNAP benefit applications are mailed to: DSS Connect Scanning Center, PO Box 1320, Manchester, CT 06045-1320

## **Online Applications**

Applications for most programs can be completed online at <a href="https://www.connect.ct.gov">www.connect.ct.gov</a>

## **DSS Benefits Center telephone line**

Consumers can call **1-855-626-6632** to check on the status of benefits and to report changes.

