

# Explanation of Qualifications & Benefits

**Program:** Title XIX Home & Community Based Elderly Waiver

**Intent:** Provide support for the Frail Elderly to remain in their own homes.

**Qualifications:**

1. Over the age of 65;
2. Meet Level of Care requirements (either Intermediate or Skilled Level of Care); if you have difficulty dressing, grooming, walking or thinking clearly, you may qualify; and
3. A monthly income of less than \$2,829 for individuals and \$5,658 for couples (if both parties are applying for MCD EW). There is also a limit to the amount of resources (savings accounts, annuities, etc.) a person may have. The maximum amount of resources is \$2,000 for an individual. For a couple, the community spouse may retain one-half of the couples' assets up to a maximum of \$154,140 (resources for a couple totaling less than \$30,828 do not count towards the institutionalized/elderly waiver spouse's resources). If both are on the waiver, maximum resources are \$3,000. House and car are not counted as resources.

***NOTE:*** *These criteria are guidelines. There are LEGAL EXCEPTIONS; (please check with the Department of Human Services).*

**Benefits:**

If you meet all of the above stated qualifications, you will receive:

1. A Title XIX card (Title XIX pays for medical processes, medication, eye glasses, etc.); and
2. Service providers will be paid for services you may need, including:
  - adult day care
  - assistive devices
  - personal emergency response system
  - home-delivered meals (includes liquid supplements)
  - homemaker service
  - home health aide
  - mental health outreach
  - nursing
  - nutrition counseling
  - respite (in-home & facility)
  - transportation
  - home and vehicle modification
  - consumer directed attendant care (CDAC)
  - consumer choices option
  - senior companions
  - chore services

The Estate Recovery Law applies. Please ask your local Department of Health and Human Services Income Maintenance Worker for details.