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 $2,982 for individuals and $5,964 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 $162,660 (resources for a couple totaling less than $32,523 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.