

## **Medicaid Share of Cost or medically needy**

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) determines eligibility for the Medically Needy Program. It may also be referred to as the “Share of Cost” program. The Medically Needy Program assists individuals who would qualify for Medicaid except for having income that is too high. Individuals enrolled in Medically Needy may have a monthly “share of cost”, which is similar to an insurance deductible. The share of cost is determined by household size and gross monthly income. When there are changes to the household size and income, the share of cost amount may change.

Some examples of medical expenses that can be used to meet the “share of cost”

- Unpaid medical bills owed that have not been used to meet the share of cost before.
- Medical bills the individual paid within the last three months.
- Health insurance premiums
- Medical bills that will not be paid by health insurance or any other source.
- Co-pays for medical bills.
- Medical services prescribed by a doctor.
- Transportation by ambulance, bus or taxi to get medical care.

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