

## SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

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### Documents to Include with Your Medicaid Application for Benefits

You need to fill out a Medicaid application when applying for food stamps, medical coverage, in-home care, or nursing care. You will need to provide proof of your eligibility for these programs. This is a general list of things that you may be asked to provide.

	Documents Needing Proof	Examples of Proof
1	Name(s)	A document to verify your identity, such as driver's license or photoID, birth certificate, immigration papers, passport, or military papers.
2	Age(s)	
3	Citizenship(s)	
4	Social Security Number(s)	Social Security card, letter or application receipt.
5	Where you live	Statement from landlord, rental or lease agreement, rent receipts, utility bills, tax statements on any property owned, etc.
6	Housing costs	
7	Land owned	
8	Income	Verification of monthly amount of any Social Security, pensions, VA benefits, or earnings.
9	Other resources	Copies of most recent 3 months bank statements. Verification of IRA's, stocks, bonds, annuity accounts. Cash value of life insurance policies.
10	Vehicles (cars, boats, etc.)	Title or registration to all vehicles.
11	Health Insurance Information	Copy of your Medicare card and any other health insurance cards including prescription drug cards
12	Other items	Medical bills, medical insurance payments, pre-paid funeral services. Copy of Power of Attorney, or Guardianship papers.

Your Medicaid Application for Benefits will be processed more quickly if copies of the items needing proof are included with the application. If you are married, please include the above information for yourself *and your spouse*, even though your spouse is not in need of services.

Be sure all questions on the Application for Benefits are answered and that the application has been signed. Mail or deliver the application to:

**DSHS - Home & Community Services**  
**600 Lakeway Drive, Suite 200**  
**Bellingham, WA 98225**

After you submit your application, DSHS will contact you by letter if they need any copies of any other documents. **Note:** *If DSHS asks you to send a document that you don't have (i.e. POA), include a letter explaining that you do not have these documents.*

If you have questions about your application, you can call Home & Community Services at (360) 756-5750 or Senior Information & Assistance at (360) 738-2500.