

The Disabled Persons and Family Support (DPFS) Program is based upon state law. It supports the following beliefs:

1. The family is important to the development of each person and families want to provide for family members with disabilities at home;
2. Adults with a disability who are able to work may be financially prevented from doing so because of loss of benefits and disability-related expenses.
3. Adults with a disability in an independent living situation may require special services to maintain that independence.

What items and services are available through the Disabled Persons and Family Support Program?

The program may authorize payment for disability-related expenses which include, but are not limited to, home delivered meals, personal care, incontinence supplies, house-keeping, architectural or vehicle modifications, special equipment, commercial travel and lodging. DPFS does not pay rent, utilities, or medical bills.

Example A:

A family caring for a family member with a disability may need a ramp to provide access to the home.

Example B:

An employed person with a disability might need help paying for disability-related supplies and for an attendant to help with personal care.

The **maximum** payment for services available to any person with a disability or family is \$300 per month averaged over the number of months in the eligibility period. For special equipment or home modifications, the maximum eligibility period benefit is \$3,600.

Who is eligible for Disabled Persons and Family Support?

The program serves three populations:

1. Families who provide care for a family member (either adult or child) living with them who has a disability and needs some form of support to keep the family together and prevent out-of-home placement;
2. Persons who are disabled and employed (or could be employed), earning at least \$500 per month, who need some form of support to maintain employment; or
3. Persons who are disabled and living alone or with a non-relative caregiver to maintain the independent living situation.

The Disabled Persons and Family Support program cannot pay for items or services available from other sources. Persons who apply must explore all other possible resources to show need.

Persons may be financially eligible if their gross monthly **income** adjusted for family size does not exceed the following:

Family Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$ 1364
2	1784
3	2203
4	2623
5	3043
6	3463
7	3541
8	3620
9 or more	3699

Only the income and resources of the applicant and his/her spouse, if married, are considered. In addition to financial and need eligibility, Disabled Persons and Family Support requires medical information using a Disability Report completed by a healthcare professional which accompanies the application to verify medical need(s). Priorities for support are set based on available funding.

How are payments made?

DHHS may either reimburse the program-participant (or authorized representative) for approved expenses or provide direct payment to the provider of the service.

How can I apply for Disabled Persons and Family Support?

To request an application and disability report for yourself or on behalf of someone else, or for additional information, contact:

**Disabled Persons and Family Support
Nebraska Department of
Health and Human Services
Box 95026
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-5026
(402) 471-9220**

Callers outside the Lincoln area may call Toll Free 1-800-430-3244 and ask for Disabled Persons and Family Support.

An application may also be downloaded from:

http://dhhs.ne.gov/children_family_services/pages/disabled-persons-and-family-support.aspx

Department of Health & Human Services



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"DPFS services assists individuals experiencing disability to remain at home, either with family members or independently, and maintain employment, if desired. Clients who need modest assistance in order to avoid institutionalization can utilize DPFS when services available through other programs administered by DHHS leave gaps. DPFS can provide types of assistance and services that clients are unable to access elsewhere.

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