

Bannock County Indigent Services

General Information

Welcome to the Bannock County Indigent Services. This department was created by the Counties to carry out the mandates and intent of Idaho law contained in Title 31, Chapters 34 & 35 of the Idaho Code. The purpose of these laws is to provide limited and temporary assistance to Bannock County residents for the payment of some medical and non-medical expenses. Assistance from Bannock County is required to be "as a last resort" only; or when no alternative exists. All counties in Idaho, including Bannock County, will require repayment of any taxpayer funds used to assist a county resident under these laws.

Before assistance can be provided, however, certain requirements will have to be met, and the applicant must present himself for an interview and must be prepared to provide personal information and verification of the applicant's living situation, income, assets of all types, insurance, resources, etc.. as well as verification of the applicant's expenses which will be evaluated for necessity and reasonableness. Once this information has been gathered, a Service Worker will conduct a thorough investigation to substantiate the data and then make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for approval or denial. Again, any approvals will also include an Order to reimburse the County, and the applicant will be required to sign a reimbursement contract.

You should know that Idaho law provides that an automatic lien is created on all real and personal property of those who file an application for County medical assistance under these laws.

There is no fee to file an application for assistance. Requests for medical assistance require a different application than requests for non-medical assistance. You may print off a medical application from this website and call us to schedule an interview, or you may visit the Indigent Services office to get an application and schedule an interview time in person. Only the application forms provided by state law may be used. No other form of application will be accepted.

When you file an application for assistance with medical expenses, the Indigent Services office will conduct your interview and begin collecting the necessary information from you. However, during this process, we will also submit your application to the State Health and Welfare office so that the State can determine whether or not you are eligible for Medicaid coverage. Please click on the 'Medical Services' link for information about applying for medical services assistance.

You should also know that medical providers have the right, by Idaho law, to submit an application, on your behalf, if you were admitted to the hospital for emergency treatment within the last thirty-one (31) days. When a medical provider submits the application, it is first submitted to the State Health and Welfare department who will determine if you are eligible for Medicaid. If they determine that you are not eligible for Medicaid, the State will then forward the application to the County Indigent Services office. At that time, we will send you a letter with a scheduled appointment for you to attend the required interview.