

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE:

1.) Private health insurance through your employer.
These plans are considered “first payers” – the payer that is billed first. It is important for you to know your coverage. Speak with the person in charge of your company’s insurance plan (usually in Human Resources.) and let them know your child’s needs so that those needs can be included in the negotiations for health insurance.

2.) [Medicaid](#) provides health insurance to families with low incomes and children, pregnant women, people who are aged, blind or have disabilities. Applications are made yearly thorough your local county Human Resources Department.

Muskingum County Human Serviced Dept.
445 Woodlawn Ave.
Zanesville Ohio 43701
740-454-0161

A [Medicaid Consumer Guide](#) is available online.

3.) [Children’s Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP) is a federally funded health insurance to provide support to families to and children up to the age of 19 years.

4.) [Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps](#) (BCMh) is Ohio’s Title V Program working to assure that children under 21 years of age with special health care needs obtain comprehensive medical care and services that are family-centered and community-based. This program provides payment after private insurance and Medicaid. Services must be provided by a [BCMh provider](#). Applications are made yearly through your county health dept.-

[Muskingum County Health Dept.](#)
205 N. Seventh Street
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
(740) 454-9741

5.) [Social Security](#) (SSI / SSDI) is a federal program that provides assistance to people with disabilities. Applications are made through your local Social Security Administration Office.

Social Security Administration
3809 Maple Avenue
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
(740) 452-7539

*Remember, you will probably need to apply for all of the above (and be denied by some) to qualify for other programs.

- 6.) [County Health Departments for Ohio](#) Information
- 7.) [Department of Job and Family Services](#)
- 8) [Prescription Assistance](#) *The prescription assistance information below is provided to you by [Cincinnati Children's](#)*

Prescription Assistance

Financial assistance for prescription medications is available in many forms including co-payment coupons, discounts and free medications for those who qualify financially. Please remember that your physician's office may be able to obtain samples of certain medications. [Medicaid](#) and the [Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps](#) (BCMh) may also provide a prescription benefit. Additional assistance may be available through a [Medicare prescription plan](#).

- [Access to Benefits](#) helps people find programs to save money on prescriptions.
- [Free Medicine Program](#)'s mission is to help patients obtain prescription medications free of charge.
- [HelpingPatients.org](#) is a web site designed to help patients find assistance programs for which they may qualify for through the [Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America \(PhRMA\)](#) and its 48 member companies.
- [The Medicine Program](#) provides assistance to qualified patients for the purpose of obtaining prescription medication free-of-charge from available programs.
- [Merck](#) offers a patient assistance program which provides its medicines free or at a discount to those who cannot afford them.
- [NeedyMeds](#) is a comprehensive listing of patient assistance programs that provide no cost prescription medication to eligible participants. You can find information organized by [program](#), [company](#) and [brand name](#) as well as links to [state resources](#), [Medicaid information](#) and [articles](#) on patient assistance programs.
- [Ohio's Best Rx](#) is a medication discount program for qualified individuals.
- [Prescription Relief](#) is a prescription savings program for qualified individuals who do not have Medicaid or prescription drug coverage.
- [RxAssist](#) is designed to provide health care providers with information to access pharmaceutical manufacturers patient assistance programs.
- [Rx For Ohio](#) searches government, industry and privately sponsored programs for over 1,400 medications for patient assistance programs.
- [Rx Outreach](#) offers generic medications to qualified individuals.
- [Together Rx Access](#) is a prescription savings program for qualified individuals and families without prescription drug coverage.
- [WeHelpMeds](#) searches pharmaceutical, private and state sponsored medication programs that provide medication free or at reduced prices for qualified individuals.

- 9.) [Waiver Programs](#) – *The Medicaid Waivers / Home Health care Program information below is provided to you by [Cincinnati Children's](#)*

Medicaid Waivers / Home Health Care Programs

Medicaid can pay for services to help an eligible individual with significant special needs continue to live at home through [Waiver Programs](#) and [Home Health Care Programs](#).

Waiver Programs

A waiver is one way that Medicaid enables an individual with mental retardation, developmental disabilities or significant health care needs to live at home. While some eligibility requirements are "waived" for these programs, the individual must require a protective level of care related to daily living skills or skilled medical care. The financial criteria is based only on the income of the individual. Since waiver programs pay for services for a limited number of people, their openings can fill up quickly and there may be a waiting list.

The following table is a brief overview of Waivers in Ohio. [Ohio Legal Rights Service](#) provides a more detailed comparison of the five Ohio waivers, including eligibility and application process information.

Waiver	Eligibility	Services	Agency
Individual Options Waiver	Mental Retardation / Developmental Disabilities, Skilled Level of Care, Financial Criteria, All Ages	Respite, Supported Employment, Environmental Adaptations, Transportation, Specialized Medical Equipment, Homemaker / Personal Care, Social Work	Ohio Dept. of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
Level One Waiver	Mental Retardation / Developmental Disabilities, Skilled Level of Care, Financial Criteria, All Ages	Respite, Environmental Adaptations, Transportation, Specialized Medical Equipment, Homemaker / Personal Care, Emergency Services	Ohio Dept. of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
Ohio Home Care Waiver	Skilled Level of Medical Care, Financial Criteria, All Ages	Respite, Nursing, Daily Living Services, Therapy, Environmental Adaptations, Transportation, Adaptive Devices	Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services
Transitions Waiver	Open only to Ohio Home Care Waiver recipients who have Mental Retardation / Developmental Disabilities, Skilled Level of Medical Care, Financial Criteria, All Ages	Respite, Nursing, Daily Living Services, Therapy, Environmental Adaptations, Transportation, Adaptive Devices	Ohio Dept. of Job and Family Services
PASSPORT Waiver	Skilled Level of Medical Care, Financial Criteria, Age 60+	Homemaker / Personal Care, Environmental Adaptations, Transportation, Medical and Adaptive Equipment, Social Work	Ohio Dept. of Aging

Medicaid Waiver Programs are administered through several Ohio agencies.

- [Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#) oversees the Ohio Home Care Waiver and the Transitions Waiver through their [county](#) agencies.
- [Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities](#) oversees the Individual Options Waiver and the Level One Waiver through their [county](#) boards.
- [Ohio Department of Aging](#) oversees the PASSPORT Waiver through [county](#) agencies.

Every state administers its own Medicaid Waiver Programs. The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) provides information on waiver programs throughout the United States.

Home Health Care Programs

[Medicaid](#) has two [home health care](#) programs, CORE and CORE PLUS, that pay for nursing, daily living assistance and skilled therapy services. A doctor's prescription is required.

- [CORE](#) provides up to 14 hours each week for services.
- [CORE PLUS](#) provides for over 14 hours each week for services.

NUTRITION:

- 1.) [Women, Infants, and Children](#) (WIC) provides formula and nutritious foods to pregnant women and children up to the age of five years who are income eligible. Apply at [your local WIC office](#). Muskingum County WIC - PH: (740) 454-5040

LOCAL RESOURCES:

- 1.) [Family Resource Services](#) provides a variable amount of money to assist with respite care, home modifications, adaptive equipment, special diets, and other needs not listed. Applications are made through:
[Muskingum County MRDD Board](#)
1304 Newark Road
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
(740) 453 4829
- 2.) Community Action Agency
421 Putnam Avenue
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
(740) 453-5703
- 3.) Civic clubs and service organizations will often provide financial assistance for a particular need – for example: a wheel chair ramp. Below is a list of local organizations:

AMROU GROTTO

John Colling
Secretary
PO Box 626
Zanesville, OH 43702-0626
(740) 452-0904

BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

Mollie S. Crooks
Executive Director
4 N. Seventh St.
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 453-7300
Fax: (740) 450-2642

CHARITY CIRCLE OF GOOD

SAMARITAN

Stephanie Neff
(740) 452-5206

EAGLES-FOE AERIE 302

James D. Hicks
Secretary
1275 East Market Street
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-8571

JAYCEES

Brent Kappes
President
3071 E Military
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 453-6150

LIONS CLUB-ZANESVILLE

Larry Banfield
1061 Military Rd.
Apt. # 9
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 455-3965

LIONS CLUB-WEST

MUSKINGUMM

Dwight Bonifield
Secretary
4235 Cherlick Cr.
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 454-2301

KIWANIS OF ZANESVILLE

Bud Hardesty
President
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 454-7444

Bruce Lee
Secretary
Unizan Bank
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 455-7060

LIONS CLUB-FRAZEYSBURG

Dan Osborn
Secretary
12355 Scout Rd.
Frazeyburg, OH 43822
(740) 828-2313

LIONS CLUB-NEW CONCORD

Robert Clevenger
President
166 Highland Dr.
New Concord, OH 43762
(740) 828-4610

LIONS CLUB-LIMESTONE

VALLEY

James Buttler
Secretary
4185 Buttler Rd.
Roseville, OH 43777
(740) 849-2186

NATIONAL SOCIETY

**DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAN
REVOLUTION**

Romona Moore
4055 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-7825

PILOT CLUB

Beth Seyerle
PO Box 2482
Zanesville, OH 43702-2482
(740) 454-2569

ZANESVILL YACHT CLUB

Brad Matheney
PO Box 334
Zanesville, OH 43701

DAY BREAK- ROTARY CLUB OF

ZANESVILLE

Gary Hamilton
Hamilton & Priest, Inc.
PO Box 2686
Zanesville, OH 43702-2686
(740) 454-2553

ATHENS AIDS TASK FORCE

Sue Armentrout, LSW
Hiv Case Manager South East Ohio
11 Counties
PO Box 466
Athens, OH 45701
(800) 667-2323
Fax: (740) 594-6037

NOON-ROTARY CLUB OF

ZANESVILLE

Scott Peterson
General Graphics
1901 Dresden Rd.
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 454-6950

LIONS CLUB-DUNCAN FALLS

Steve Tyo
Secretary
1770 Candlestick Dr.
Zanesville, OH 43701
(740) 452-6667

CHARITY NEWSIES

PO Box 144
Zanesville, OH 43702-0144

STATE RESOURCES:

- 1.) [Department of Job and Family Services](#) by County for Ohio provides child care subsidies, gas vouchers, and food stamps. Use the Info Center on their website for more information.
- 2.) [Ohio Department of Development](#) offers multiple energy assistance programs like Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) 1-800-282-0880