

# Denver Human Services Benefits Programs—Two Pager

## Overview:

Human services benefits are designed to support individuals and families facing financial, medical, or social challenges. This one-pager outlines the eligibility criteria for accessing various public assistance programs.

## Key Eligibility Requirements:

**Income Level:** Most programs are based on household income and require you to meet certain thresholds, usually expressed as a percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

**Residency:** You must be a resident of the state where you are applying for benefits, and in some cases, a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident.

**Household Size:** The size of your household affects eligibility for income-based programs, such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Medicaid.

**Employment Status:** Certain programs require individuals to be unemployed or underemployed. Others, like TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), may have work participation requirements.

**Age and Disability Status:** For programs like Aid to the Needy and Disabled (AND) which assist individuals who are elderly, disabled, or blind.

## Types of Human Services Benefits:

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP):** Provides assistance with food purchases for low-income individuals and families. Eligibility is based on income and household size.

**Medicaid:** Offers free or low-cost health insurance to low-income individuals, families, and people with disabilities. Each state has its own income guidelines.

**Colorado Works/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF):** Provides temporary cash assistance to families in financial need, along with services to help achieve self-sufficiency, including job training.

**Adult Financial Programs (All programs listed at <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/adult-financial-programs>):**

- **Aid To the Needy and Disabled—State Only:** Provides a cash assistance benefit to low-income Colorado residents who have a disability that precludes them from working. The program provides interim financial assistance while the client pursues Supplemental Security Income benefits (SSI).
- **Aid to the Needy and Disabled-Colorado Supplement:** Provides a supplemental payment for clients aged 0 - 59, who are receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to a disability or blindness, and are not receiving the full SSI benefit.

**Long Term Care:** Provides programs: Adult foster care; Alternative care facilities; Children's waivers; Home Care Allowance (HCS); Home and community based services; Nursing home institutionalization.

**Application requirements** for Colorado human services benefits vary by program, but generally include:

**SNAP** You may qualify if you:

- Make low wages
- Have an income less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) as shown in the table
- Are unemployed or work part-time
- Receive other assistance payments like Colorado Works, Supplemental Security Income, etc.
- Are a child
- Are a student
- Are an adult between 18 and 54 with no children in your home (known as ABAWDs, or able-bodied adult without dependents)

For income limits visit: <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/snap>

**Medicaid** Programs eligibility requirements vary. For more information visit: <https://hcpf.colorado.gov/programs-adults>

**Colorado Works/TANF** To be eligible for TANF in Colorado, you must meet the following criteria:

- Colorado resident
- Have a child under 18 at home or be pregnant
- U.S. citizen, legal alien, or qualified alien

**Recertification requirements** for Colorado human services benefits vary by program, but generally include:

**SNAP** You must recertify every six months, and the state will send a notice when it's time. You can recertify online at Colorado PEAK or by completing a secure online form.

**Medicaid** You will receive a renewal packet in the mail or online about 60–70 days before your renewal deadline. You can complete the renewal packet online, on the Health First Colorado app, or mail or bring it to your local county human services department.

### Colorado Works/TANF

**Review and update your information:** You'll receive a letter from the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS) and a letter in your PEAK Mailbox 60-70 days before your renewal is due. You'll need to review your current information and report any changes or corrections by the due date.

**Sign your renewal packet:** You can sign your renewal packet by mail, fax, online, or by phone.

**Complete work-search activities:** You must complete work-search activities to help you return to work. You should document your efforts and save those records.

You can check your Colorado PEAK account or call your department of human services for more information.

**Application requirements (continued)** for Colorado human services benefits vary by program, but generally include:

**Adult Financial Programs** To be eligible for adult financial assistance in Colorado, you must meet the following criteria:

**Age:** Be between the ages of 18 and 59, unless you have a disability that qualifies you for a different age range

**Citizenship:** Be a United States citizen or a qualified non-citizen who is lawfully present

**Residence:** Be a Colorado resident

**Disability:** Have a qualifying disability that is expected to last at least six months

**Income:** Have a gross income below the monthly benefit amount

**Resources:** Have resources below the maximum amount allowed, which is \$2,000 for an unmarried client and \$3,000 for a married client

**Benefits:** Exhaust all other public financial assistance benefits, such as Colorado Works

**SSI:** Be actively pursuing SSI benefits

**Social Security Number:** Have a valid Social Security Number

For specific programs and more information visit: <https://cdhs.colorado.gov/adult-financial-programs>

**Long Term Care** you must meet the following requirements:

**Eligibility:** Be a Colorado resident, a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen, and be 65 or older, disabled, or blind

**Income:** Have a gross monthly income below 300% of the SSI level. In 2024, the income limit for a single applicant is \$2,829. There is a personal needs allowance of \$95.97 per month that is not counted towards income.

**Resources:** Have resources below \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples. Resources include cash, checking and savings accounts, stocks, bonds, some insurance policies, and property you own other than your home.

**Medical need:** Pass screening tests to determine the need for long-term care services. You must also require a nursing home level of care.

**Approval:** Prior approval is required for services to be paid by Medicaid.



**Recertification requirements (continued)** for Colorado human services benefits vary by program, but generally include:

**Adult Financial Programs** If the application is submitted before the 15th of the redetermination month, the recertification must be completed by the last day of the month. The recertification processing timeframe is 30 days from the date of receipt, if the application is received after the 16th of the redetermination month.

### Long Term Care

You will receive a renewal packet in the mail or online about 60–70 days before your renewal deadline. You can complete the renewal packet online, on the Health First Colorado app, or mail or bring it to your local county human services department. For more information, connect with your assigned case worker.

## Denver Department of Human Services

### Locations:

Castro Bldg.  
1200 Federal Blvd  
Denver CO 80204  
M-F 8:00 - 4:00

Rocky Mountain Human Services  
9900 E Iliff Ave  
Denver CO 80231  
M-F 8:00 - 4:00

Eastside Office  
3815 Steele  
Denver CO 80205  
M-F 8:00 - 4:00

St Francis Center  
2323 Curtis  
Denver CO 80205  
M-F 8:00 - 4:00

Arie P. Taylor Bldg.  
4685 Peoria St  
Denver CO 80239  
M-F 8:00 - 4:00

### Phone Number

720-944-4DHS (4347)

### Website

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Denver-Human-Services>