

Special Assistance Program Summary

To be eligible for special assistance individuals must be age 65 or older, or if under age 65 be disabled and lives or being placed in a residential facility approved for special assistance. The facility must agree to accept the state rate for special assistance residents. Individuals who are eligible for special assistance are automatically eligible for Medicaid. Medicaid helps to pay medical bills. Special Assistance helps pay toward the cost of living in such a facility. The individual's income would be used to pay the remaining cost of care rate. The individual may keep \$66 per month of their income for personal needs. You must apply for Special Assistance during the month you want assistance, as payments are not made retroactively.

To be eligible for this service you must be:

- Age 65+
- Disabled (under 65 and be disabled by Social Security Standards)
- Lee County resident
- Meet reserve limits for program
- FL-2, licensed facility
- Meet income limits for the program

Program cost are paid by 50% county dollars and 50% state dollars.

For Special Assistance you must apply in person at a Lee County Social Services. If necessary a personal representative may apply for you.