



Your key to health and nutrition programs

ACCESS is a free, easy-to-use internet tool that can help you or someone you know to:

- Find out which low or no-cost health, nutrition and other programs you might be eligible for.
- Apply online for FoodShare, Medicaid/BadgerCare and the Family Planning Waiver Program.
- Get up-to-date information about the status of your FoodShare, Medicaid, BadgerCare, SeniorCare or Caretaker Supplement benefits.
- Get answers to common questions.
- Report some changes online.



Apply for Benefits

With this tool, you can apply online for FoodShare, Medicaid for families, (including BadgerCare) and the Family Planning Waiver Program. From start to finish, it will take most people 30 to 40 minutes to apply. When you apply online:

- You can fill out, sign and submit your application electronically to a local agency near you.
- You will get an answer within 30 days from submitting your application.
- You may need to talk with someone locally after you submit your application. In many cases, this can be done over the telephone.
- You may need to mail, fax or bring proof of some things (like your income and bills) to the local agency before you can start getting benefits.



Check My Benefits

This tool lets you get up-to-date information about your FoodShare, Medicaid/BadgerCare, SeniorCare and Caretaker Supplement benefits. You can use ACCESS to find out which benefits you're getting, the date of your next review, why your benefits have changed, and whether your worker is waiting for information from you.

You can also report some changes online.

Follow the instructions on the screen to create a secure account. The following is needed to create an account:

- Your name.
- Your Social Security Number and date of birth.
- Either your Forward card, QUEST card or case number.

Once you have created an account, you can log in any time to check your benefits and report some changes online.





Am I Eligible?

From start to finish, this tool should take about 15 minutes and will tell you if you might be eligible for FoodShare, Medicaid, BadgerCare, SeniorCare and other prescription drug assistance programs, tax credits, emergency food assistance, free meals for children and WIC (a supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children).

- We'll ask a few basic questions about the people in your home, your money and your bills.
- When you are done, you will know which programs you might be eligible for and how to apply.
- This is just a quick screening tool to see if you might be able to get benefits. You'll have to apply for each program to get a final decision about whether or not you are eligible.



Common Questions

This tool can help answer general questions about low or no-cost health and nutrition programs in Wisconsin, as well as more detailed questions about how to use your benefits.



How to Use ACCESS in 3 Easy Steps!

- 1 Open a web browser and go to access.wisconsin.gov
- 2 Click a button to choose which tool you would like to use. You can click on:
 - Am I Eligible?** to see if you might be eligible for health, nutrition and other benefits.
 - Apply for Benefits** to apply online for FoodShare, Medicaid/BadgerCare and the Family Planning Waiver Program.
 - Check My Benefits** to check the status of your benefits or to report some changes online.
 - Common Questions** to find answers to common questions about low or no-cost health and nutrition programs.
- 3 Follow the instructions on the screen to use the tool you have chosen. Keep in mind that all of your information will stay private and secure.

Most people use ACCESS on their home computer or through a friend or family member. You may also be able to use a computer at your local job center, community service agency, church or library.

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Using ACCESS

Wisconsin's internet tool for getting and managing your low or no-cost health and nutrition benefits



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