

SSI

What is Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

- Health insurance for children with disabilities
- One of the doorways to Medicaid
- Also provides monthly income check

Why is it helpful?

- “Straight” Medicaid, so there is no HMO
- If you have private insurance, may help with:
 - co-pays
 - deductibles
 - limits on visits non-covered services
- Monthly check can cover basic needs or extra things for your child

What is important to know?

- Social Security Administration determines eligibility
- Based on household income/assets
- Child must be US citizen or have a green card
- Child must have a diagnosed disability. This could be “developmental delay”
- Child must have delays in several areas, like how they learn, play, act, speak or move

How do you apply?

- Contact Social Security Administration
 - 800-772-1213
 - You can start the application online, then call them
- Have the following information ready:
 - Your income and assets
 - Medical records with child’s diagnosis
 - Birth-3 or school records
- Be honest about how much help your child needs

Where can you learn more?

- Social Security Administration – Supplemental Security Income website:
<https://www.ssa.gov/ssi>
- Family Voices of Wisconsin – Resource Library:
<https://familyvoiceswi.org/resource-library/supplemental-security-income-ssi-and-children-with-disabilities/>