

- ♦ **New Jersey Care-** provides medical coverage for pregnant women throughout the duration of the pregnancy and 60 days after the birth. The infant receives coverage for one year from the date of birth. New Jersey Care also provides coverage for adults over the age of 65 and disabled adults in the community.
- ♦ **Family Care-** provides free or low-cost health coverage for uninsured children and teens 18 or younger. NJ FamilyCare is not a welfare program; it offers full health coverage through several recognized Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs). NJ FamilyCare covers doctor visits, eyeglasses, hospitalization, lab tests, x-rays, prescriptions, regular checkups, mental health, and in most circumstances dental. For many children, there are no monthly premiums or co-payments. Some children from higher income families may be required to pay a small co-payment or monthly premium.



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Mission Statement

The Warren County Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services is committed to assisting all customers by providing appropriate services in a professional, courteous, timely, and unbiased manner to achieve and maintain economic and social independence in the least restrictive environment.

We Strive to accomplish the mission by upholding the following principles:

- ◆ To treat people with respect
- ◆ To promote parental and personal responsibility
- ◆ To strengthen families
- ◆ To maintain cooperative partnerships with community agencies.
- ◆ To use public funds efficiently

The Vision of the Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services is to be recognized as the premier provider of human and social services to county residents.

The Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services has provided service to citizens since 1932 as provided by law and regulation. Each social services program was initiated for a specific purpose and there are different eligibility requirements, which may change due to Federal or State laws and regulations or court decisions. All services are subject to the availability of County, State, and/or Federal funding.

Services are provided to the public without regard to race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, marital status, or disability. The Division of Temporary Assistance and Social Services is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Agency.

Income Sufficiency Programs, Continued

- ◆ **Food Stamp Program-** enables low-income individuals, seniors, and families to purchase a variety of nutritious foods. Eligibility is based upon income, resources, and expenses. This is not a welfare program, nor is it necessary to be on welfare in order to be eligible to receive food stamp benefits. The food stamp program is, however a complimentary program to TANF and GA. Those qualifying now receive an electronic benefits card, similar to a credit/debit card, rather than coupons. Most food items can be purchased with these benefits. In order to receive these benefits, one must fill out an application, then schedule and complete an interview with an agency representative.

Medicaid Programs

Medicaid is a State and Federal medical assistance program. This program pays medical bills for those that are found eligible.

- ◆ **Adult Medicaid-** program for those 65+ or who are disabled. This program provides both community and long term care including short-term rehabilitation and nursing home care. Medicaid premium may be paid by State of NJ after 2 months of eligibility.
- ◆ **Medicaid Special-** program for those single and 18-21 years old.
- ◆ **GA Medicaid-** covers doctor visits and prescriptions for those individuals receiving general assistance. This program does not cover hospitalizations.



Income Sufficiency Programs, Continued

WFNJ's goal is to provide a smooth transition from welfare to self-sufficiency. Recipients are required to participate, under Federal regulation, in 35 or 30 hours of various employability activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, Community Work Experience, Alternative Work Experience, On the Job Training, Job Search, Vocational Education, Job Skills Training, and Community Service. Childcare, transportation, and other work-related expenses may be covered to encourage participation.

- ◆ **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)**- assistance for families who are struggling to provide basic needs such as financial, medical, and childcare. Families can include parent(s) and their dependent children from birth to 18 (or 19 if graduating from high school). If dependent children are special needs, assistance will expire on their 21st birthday. Financial eligibility must be established in order to qualify.
- ◆ **General Assistance**- provides financial and medical assistance for adult individuals and couples without dependent children. Applicants are evaluated as employable or unemployable. Those who are decidedly unemployable must provide proof of their disability, as well as the status of their disability. As with the TANF program, financial eligibility must be established to qualify. TASS administers the GA program for the municipalities of Allamuchy, Alpha, Greenwich, Hardwick, Harmony, Independence, Lopatcong, Mansfield, Phillipsburg, Pohatcong, and White Township.



Abbreviated Synopsis of TASS Programs and Services

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Social Services Programs

The Social Service program provides a variety of services including Adult Protective Services, Boarding Home Services, Early Periodic Screening/Diagnosis and Treatment, Homeless Prevention, Information and Referral, and Medical Transportation.

- ◆ **Adult Protective Services-** This program exists to serve vulnerable adults; those adults 18 years of age and older living in the community, who lack sufficient understanding or capacity to make, communicate or carry out decisions concerning their well-being and are subject to abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Services are provided regardless of a persons income or assets. If the circumstances meet the APS criteria as outlined in the regulations, APS will recommend social, legal, financial, medical, and/or psychiatric services deemed necessary to stabilize the situation and to protect the client from further harm.
- ◆ **Boarding Home Services-** provides placement assistance and services to residents of rooming and boarding homes. Services include investigation of complaints regarding boarding homes and residential health care facilities.
- ◆ **Early Periodic Screening/Diagnosis and Treatment Program-** offers free periodic medical and dental examinations and follow-up treatment to children under age 21 who are eligible for Medicaid.
- ◆ **Homeless Prevention Program/Emergency Assistance-** provides emergency funds and prevention services to eligible households who are homeless or in imminent danger of becoming homeless. Limited funding available through a State grant. To reach emergency homeless services after 4:30 PM, please contact 1-877-661-4357.

Social Services Programs, Continued

- ◆ **Information and Referral-** provides information about community resources and services provided by Warren County Division of TASS as well as other County Human Service programs and partner agencies.
- ◆ **Medical Transportation-** provides for the arrangement of and payment for transportation for Medicaid eligible recipients to receive Medicaid covered services.

Child Support



- ◆ **Child Support and Paternity (CSP)-** provides support for children by establishing paternity and administering court ordered genetic paternity testing, locating non-custodial parents, initiating non-support complaints, and reviewing existing support obligations for possible adjustment. Collection and enforcement of court established orders are handled by the local County Probation Department.

Income Self-Sufficiency Programs

- ◆ **WorkFirst New Jersey-** provides families and children with financial assistance and support services through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. WFNJ also provides assistance and support services for single adults and couples without dependent children through the General Assistance Program (GA).