

INFORMATION YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT APPLICATIONS FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

PLEASE READ THIS CAREFULLY BEFORE YOUR INTERVIEW!

- Idaho Code allows Ada County residents to file applications for county medical assistance for payment of medical bills.
- The law also allows other parties including hospitals and other medical providers to file an application on behalf of the patient – even without the patient’s consent. This provision of the law exists to allow medical providers to be paid for their services provided to qualified applicants.
- Idaho law requires that an investigation be completed on each application that is filed with the county to determine the applicant’s eligibility. This investigation includes a mandatory interview with the patient.
 - As soon as an application is filed, Ada County Indigent Services sends a Subpoena and Notice of Interview to the patient with the date and time of the interview and a list of documents the patient needs to bring to the interview. At the interview, the Clerk will review the application, the documents brought to the interview, and gather additional information for the investigation.
 - The purpose of the investigation process is to determine if the medical services rendered qualify under state law for payment under the indigency program. Another purpose is to determine if the applicant/patient meets the statutory qualifications for assistance. These include, among other things state and county residency, and your ability to pay the bills over a 5-year period.
 - The county is required to discuss and confirm the financial status of the applicant/patient. This will require the disclosure to the investigator of personal and sensitive information relating to the applicant/patient and his or her spouse about assets, expenses, work history, medical issues, health insurance, income, stocks, investments, child support, social security, disposition of assets, mortgages, rent, and other personal information.
 - The county is bound by strict confidentiality laws and none of this information will be disclosed to any party who is not authorized to receive it.