

MD Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)

What is Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)?

TCA provides cash support to needy families with children under the age of 18 (or children 18-19 who will soon graduate from high school).

How does it work?

Funds may only be received for a maximum of 60 months (5 years) over a lifetime. If eligible for TCA, families are also eligible for Medicaid and possibly Food Stamps. To receive benefits, the adult members of the family must have a job (or be active in unpaid work activities such as training or volunteer work) from the day they apply. Recipients must have countable assets (for example, savings, investments) below \$2,000. If one parent does not live in the home, those who receive TCA are required to ask the courts for a child support order against the absent parent. If one parent is deceased or disabled, the applying parent must also apply for benefits from the Social Security Administration.

How does one apply?

- ▣ Visit the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.
- ▣ Download the [TCA application](#) and send the completed application, along with proof of residency and proof of emergency, to the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

For more information on this benefit and other benefits, read the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services "[Guide to Community Services](#)", visit the [Maryland Department of Human Resources](#) online, or call 1 (800) 332-6347.

To test for eligibility online, visit the Maryland Department of Human Resources' "[Am I Eligible?](#)" screening tool.

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