



Affordable long-term care coverage for Washington workers

Qualifying for benefits

Meet contribution requirement

Permanent pathway

Earn the full benefit amount by contributing for at least **10 years**.

Temporary pathway

Earn the full benefit amount if you have contributed for **at least three of the last six years** at the time you apply for benefits.

Transition pathway

If you were born before 1968, earn lifetime access to **10%** of the full benefit amount **for each year** you contribute.

We will count each calendar year you work at least 500 hours.

Meet care needs requirement

We must determine that you need help with **three or more activities of daily living** and will continue to need help for **at least 90 days**.

Applying for benefits

Benefits become available in July 2026. You (or someone helping you) will apply online or call us for help.

Learn more at:

wacaresfund.wa.gov/apply

Using your benefits

You can use your benefits to receive any covered services from a WA Cares provider, including care in your home or a facility, home modifications, home-delivered meals, adaptive equipment and more.

Learn more at:

wacaresfund.wa.gov/benefits

GET SUPPORT



Phone

844-CARE4WA
(844-227-3492)



Email or chat

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contact](https://wacaresfund.wa.gov/contact)

Language assistance is available.

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