

Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program Checklist

The EID program is a way for people with disabilities who are employed to BUY Medicaid (Medical Assistance) health insurance. Some people call this program the "Medicaid Buy In".

Should You Apply?

Are you at least 18 years old and not yet 65 years old?

Do you have a disability?

*As of October 2008, you need to meet one of the following criteria, (1) currently receive SSDI, (2) formerly received SSDI or SSI as an adult and lost the benefit for reasons other than medical improvement, (3) or have never been approved for SSDI or SSI and meet Social Security's medical standards for disability. Please contact one of the agencies on the back if you have any questions.

Are you currently employed? You could have a full-time or part-time job, or be self-employed.

Are you single with an income of \$5285 per month or less? *OR* Are you married with an income of \$7085 per month or less?

* The income limits above are for 2008. Many factors determine how income is counted. Your limit may be slightly higher or somewhat lower than those stated above. For more information, contact one of the resources on the back of this sheet.

Do you have under \$10,000 in countable assets (for example, checking and savings accounts, stocks, life insurance, second car)? Certain retirement accounts (401(K), 403(B), pension and Koegh plans) do not count toward your \$10,000 limit.

If you checked all 5 boxes, you are probably eligible for the Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program. We recommend that you **call** the Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) EID Project at **(800) 637-4113 (Voice/TTY)**. You will need to give your name, address, and phone number.

Staff will ask you questions and based on your answers, complete the application form. The form will be mailed to you for your signature. While you wait for the application to come in the mail, you should start collecting photocopies of information to prove your income (such as pay stubs, wage statements, W2s, or last year's tax forms), your resources (such as bank statements), your identity (such as a driver's license or MVA ID card), and your marriage certificate (if you are married).

When the application arrives, review the information; sign, date and enter Social Security numbers in the appropriate places and mail it to the address provided along with photocopies of the information listed in the packet you receive. If you are found eligible, you will receive a notice telling you the premium you must pay to enroll in the program. The premium is based on income and can be \$0, \$25/month, \$40/month or \$55/month.

Questions? Contact _____ at _____ ext _____.
Person helping you with this checklist phone

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Resources

The following agencies may have more information or may provide you with additional help regarding the Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program.

Maryland Disability Law Center (MDLC)

state-wide service

1800 N. Charles Street; Suite 400
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

(Please call between 10 a.m. and noon)

Voice: 410-727-6352

Toll Free: 1-800-233-7201

TTY: 410-727-6387

Fax: 410-727-6389

Web: www.mdlclaw.org

* Ask for the “Intake Office” when you call MDLC.

Independence Now

state-wide services

Calvert Building,
6811 Kenilworth Avenue; Suite 504
Riverdale, MD 20737

Phone: 301-587-4137

Toll Free: 1-888-838-1776

TTY: 711 (MD Relay)

Fax: 301-588-3951

Web: www.innow.org

Email: info@innow.org

* Ask for a “work incentives counselor” when you contact Independence Now.

Maryland Department of Disabilities EID Project

state-wide services

217 E. Redwood Street, Suite 1300
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Phone: 443-514-5034

Toll Free: 1-800-637-4113 (V/TTY)

Web: www.mdod.state.md.us

Email: eid@mdod.state.md.us

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