

PROVIDER ALERT

EID OUTREACH PROJECT TRANSITION ARTICLE

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Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program: How to Apply After June 15, 2012

The Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program provides Medical Assistance (Medicaid) to Marylanders with disabilities who work for pay and meet several other conditions. To be eligible, a person must:

- 1. Have a disability that meets Social Security's medical criteria for adults
- 2. Be 18 64 years old
- 3. Be a U. S. citizen or qualified alien
- 4. Work for pay
- Meet the income limit (earnings may be as high as \$68,052/year for an unmarried individual and \$91,812/year for a married couple, but less if the applicant has other income, such as Social Security checks)
- Have resources (assets) under \$10,000. Resources include cash, bank accounts, stocks, other investments, some life insurance and retirement funds, and real estate other than your primary home. Resources do NOT include your primary home, motor vehicles, and certain retirement accounts (401(k), 403(b), pension, Keogh)

The monthly premium is on a sliding scale from 0 - 55.



Medical Assistance through EID:

- Provides comprehensive coverage to people who are otherwise uninsured
- Supplements private insurance, covering some services the private insurance does not
- Supplements Medicare by eliminating the Medicare out-of-pocket costs, which can save you \$1,000 to over \$12,000 per year

The EID program will be continuing indefinitely, but the EID Outreach Project – which has assisted people to apply for EID since 2008 - will be ending on June 30, 2012 due to the end of the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant that has funded it. The Project will continue to help people apply for EID through June 15, 2012. After June 15, 2012, Marylanders with disabilities will be able to apply for EID on their own or with help from other agencies.

The Maryland Department of Disabilities (MDOD) web site provides an electronic version of the EID application, with instructions for completing and submitting it, at http://www.mdod.maryland.gov/Jobseekers.aspx?id=2210. The electronic application can be downloaded, completed, printed and saved. Although the application must be printed and mailed, it should also be saved on your computer. When you enroll in EID, you must reapply every six months. Having the saved application on your computer makes it easy to update the information every six months when you need to reapply. If you prefer, you can complete a paper application.



What if you need help applying or don't have a computer? You can contact the Center for Independent Living closest to you for free assistance. See the list at the end of this article.

If you have questions about the status of your EID application, you can contact the Division of Eligibility and Waiver Services (DEWS) at 410-767-7090. DEWS determines eligibility for EID.

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