

## What can workers with disabilities do to keep working?

Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD) is one of many work incentives for people who are, and sometimes are not, receiving some form of disability assistance.

Many people feel that as soon as they go to work, they will lose all financial and health support. This can be especially scary for someone who is only able to do, or find, part-time employment.

However, usually doing some work won't cause someone to lose all support.

Many programs called work incentives exist to help people make smooth transitions into the work environment.

Summit Independent Living Center is one place that provides benefits planning to assist people with disabilities. Assistance includes evaluating their financial situations and determining work incentives that are available as they continue working or return to work.

Many people with disabilities who want the opportunity to work deserve assistance with planning tools that we can provide.

### How can I learn more about MWD or other work incentives?

To find out more information about MWD and other programs please contact:

Summit Independent Living Center

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[www.summitilc.org/mwd.html](http://www.summitilc.org/mwd.html)



## MEDICAID FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (MWD) PROGRAM

An asset to employees &  
their employers.

### Who is Eligible for MWD?

To be eligible for MWD, an individual must:

- Meet all non-financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid
- Currently be considered disabled by Social Security Act criteria, or would be considered disabled if not for current work activities
- Be age 16 or older
- Be employed (including self-employment) part- or full-time
- Be within resource limitations of the MWD program
- Have monthly countable family income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Not be residing in a residential medical institution
- Pay a monthly cost share fee based on income of the worker(s) with disabilities only

### More questions?

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### What is MWD?

In 2009, the Montana Legislature passed SB 119, an act requiring the creation and implementation of a **Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities** program. This new Medicaid eligibility category is specifically tailored for workers with disabilities.

The purpose of the program is to support individuals with disabilities and employment by providing an opportunity for them to begin or continue to receive Medicaid benefits while working.

### How to Apply

Call or visit your local

**Office of Public Assistance**

or apply online at:

**https:** <https://apply.mt.gov/>

Medicaid is important because it covers typical health care expenses for individuals and families with limited incomes, including adults and children with disabilities.

In addition, Medicaid covers many disability-specific services and supports necessary for work but not covered by private insurance, including personal assistance and developmental disability services.

