



South Dakota Department of Social Services

Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities

- The MAWD program is designed to be an incentive for people with disabilities to return to work or remain working.
 - SD implemented in October 2006.
- The program provides health care coverage through the Medicaid program.
- The MAWD program allows disabled individuals to earn more than traditional Medicaid limits allow.
- MAWD allows the otherwise eligible individual to save more than traditional Medicaid limits allow.

MAWD Requirements

To qualify for MAWD the individual must meet a number of criteria including state residency and citizenship or qualified alien immigration status. Requirements include:

- Must be a South Dakota State resident;
- Must be a U.S. Citizen or National or meet certain immigration status requirements;
- Meet the Social Security definition of being disabled, except for criteria related to employment;
- Must be employed;

MAWD Requirements

Requirements continued:

- Countable resources must be less than \$8,000;
- Must have less than \$730 (2013) of monthly unearned income (such as VA benefits or SSDI- not money earned from the individual's job or business).
- When determining financial eligibility for MAWD the income and resources of the spouse of the worker with a disability is not considered.

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Requirements continued:

- The total countable income limit for the program is 250% of the federal poverty guideline
 - \$65 earnings disregard
 - One-half of the remaining earned income is countable
 - \$2,394 per month for 1 person household

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- Individuals who are found eligible for the MAWD program must submit a pay stub or other proof of employment at least quarterly.
- Work is a requirement of this program but individuals are allowed a three month grace period to find other employment should a job end.
- At this time approximately 280 South Dakotans are receiving Medicaid benefits through the program.

MAWD Success Stories

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“MAWD has provided me with healthcare coverage so that I am healthier, able to work full time, take care of my daughter and enjoy life.” *Jana Krogman, ongoing since January 2010*

“One major factor that changes everything (since getting MAWD) is the freedom to pursue different interests. I’m not tied to my job because of the quality of the health insurance.” – *Amanda Schaeffer, ongoing since April 2011*

“Give people with disabilities a chance to work.” – *Wanda Doop Kilmer, November 2008-March 2012*



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Thank you!