

FACT SHEET

Georgia Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities

Overview

Georgia Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (GMWD) provides new options for people with disabilities who are working, or are interested in returning to the workforce, the opportunity to buy health care through Georgia Medicaid. GMWD offers Medicaid coverage to working age people who have a disability that is permanent but stable and have a desire to return to work.

GMWD establishes a public policy that encourages work. Many people with disabilities can work at least part time, earn money and pay taxes. Generally, people are healthier - both physically and mentally - when they have meaningful, productive lives. An equally important but often overlooked benefit is that a GMWD program can allow people to save money. GMWD will exempt Medical Savings Accounts and approved Independence Accounts to enable an individual to save for adaptive equipment such as a lift-equipped vehicle or overhead lift system.



Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for GMWD, an individual must:

- Be a Georgia resident
- Be at least 16 years of age but less than age 65
- Have a disability that meets Social Security Administration's standards
- Be employed and receiving compensation
- Have disability income between \$600 - \$699/month
- Have countable income less than 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Have resources less than \$4,000 for an individual, \$6,000 for a couple

Premium Costs

The premium amount is determined based on an individual's age and their net countable income. Individuals under age 18 and, individuals with countable income less than 150 percent FPL do not have to pay a premium. The monthly premium for individuals with countable income of 150 percent up to 249 percent FPL is \$35. The maximum monthly premium is \$50 for individuals with countable income of 250 - 300 percent FPL.

Services Covered

GMWD provides the same services as other "full Medicaid" categories of assistance. Family coverage is not available.

For more information, contact the Georgia Department of Community Health at 404-651-9982.