

CATEGORICAL FACTORS**MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**

Documentation: Applicants for the MBI-WPD program must provide proof of disability. Acceptable proof of disability includes the following:

- A current disability certification by the State or local Disability Review Team (DRT);
- a verification of receipt of Railroad Retirement benefits due to total and permanent disability;
- A current disability certification by the Social Security Administration (SSA), for SSDI benefits; this may include a current award letter, proof of receipt of SSDI benefits such as a check or bank statement listing the benefit, or a Medicare card;
- A current certification from the Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH);
- A current letter from SSA placing the individual in a SSDI Extended Period of Eligibility;
- A current SSA letter informing the individual that he/she is no longer eligible for the 1619 (b) program (the SSA medical diary date is required).

NOTE: Districts must track the disability end date for an MBI-WPD program recipient who is in an Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) 36 month Extended Period of Eligibility or who has transitioned to the MBI-WPD program from the SSA 1619(b) program.

NOTE: End dates for all Group II certifications must be tracked through WMS and medical evidence gathered for a continuing disability review prior to the Group II disability end date.

Applicants for the MBI-WPD Program must provide proof of work activity. Acceptable proof of work activity includes the following:

- A current pay stub(s), paychecks, or a written statement from the employer stating the hours worked and the wages paid;
- A current income tax return, W-2 form, or records of bank deposits;
- If the individual is not required to file an income tax return, work activity may be documented by pay stubs or a letter from the employer stating the hours worked and wages paid. If the individual presents a personal check as a “paycheck”, a statement from the employer is needed to document that the check is for work activity. If the recipient is in the Medical

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Improvement group, the letter must also include the number of hours worked;

- A self-employed individual may present a worksheet of hours worked, for whom, and income earned from each client.