

CATEGORICAL FACTORS

MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Policy: Sections 62-69 of Part A of Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2002 extends Medicaid coverage to working disabled applicants/recipients (A/Rs) who have net incomes at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and non-exempt resources at or below the appropriate Medicaid Resource Level.

Unlike other Medicaid programs, the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) is a work incentive program and work activity is a requirement of eligibility.

SSI-related budgeting, including allocation and deeming, is used for determining net available income and resources. (See **INCOME MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** for a discussion on budgeting of income and **RESOURCES MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES** for budgeting of resources.)

References:

SSL Sect.	366(1)(a)(12) & (13)
ADM	04 OMM/ADM-5 03 OMM/ADM-4
GISs	09 MA/015 08 MA/027 08 MA/004

Interpretation: The Medicaid Buy-In program for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) consists of two groups of A/Rs, the Basic Coverage Group and the Medical Improvement Group. For eligibility in either group, work activity must be documented.

The Basic Coverage Group includes individuals who meet the following criteria.

The A/R is certified disabled (See **CATEGORICAL FACTORS SSI-RELATED BLINDNESS AND SSI-RELATED DISABILITY AND ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF DISABILITY**).

The A/R is at least 16 years of age, but under the age of 65.

The A/R is working and receiving financial compensation. The A/R pays all applicable state and federal income and payroll taxes. There is no minimum number of hours that an individual must work per month, nor is there a minimum wage requirement. However, there must be