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# Medicaid Purchase Plan and Health and Employment Counseling

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Medicaid  
Purchase Plan



MAPP offers people with disabilities who are **working or interested in work** the opportunity to purchase Medicaid by paying a monthly premium, based on income.

Available Statewide  
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# Advantages of MAPP

People with disabilities can:

- Work and maintain their health benefits
- Qualify for Medicaid with higher asset and income levels
- Save more earnings through Independence Accounts



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# Who Might Apply for MAPPP?

- Individuals with a disability who are working or want to work
  - Individuals receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Disabled Adult Child (DAC) benefits
  - Individuals with a disability having high Medicaid costs (i.e. MA deductible)
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# MAPP Eligibility

Two Components of Eligibility:

- Individual Criteria
- Family Income Criterion



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# Individual Criteria

## Applicant must:

- Be considered to have a disability by the Disability Determination Bureau (DDB)
  - Have countable assets of less than \$15,000
  - Be at least 18 years old
  - Be working, **OR**, enrolled in an approved Health and Employment Counseling (HEC) Program
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# Family Income Criterion

Net Family Income must be less than 250% of the Federal Poverty Level based on family size.

For example, 250% of the Federal Poverty Level for a single individual is \$1,993.75 per month in 2005.

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# Independence Accounts

- Offers savings options beyond the \$15,000 asset limit
  - Allows contributions up to 50% of earnings
  - Includes Checking, Savings, IRA, Retirement, Pension, or Other Accounts
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# Premiums

Individuals with total incomes below 150% of the federal poverty level, based on family size, do **not** have to pay a premium.

- For example, 150% of the Federal Poverty Level for a single individual is \$1,196.25 per month in 2005.
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# Application Process



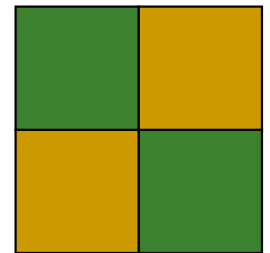
## Where to Apply?

- If working already: County or tribal health and human services agencies.
- If not working, contact the Health and Employment Regional Screener
- HEC information line: 1-800-391-2950

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# What (the Heck) is HEC?

- The Health and Employment Counseling Program (HEC) is a way for people with disabilities **who are not yet employed** to enroll in the MAPP.



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# Who Should Enroll in HEC?

People with disabilities who:

- Want to work, but are not yet working
  - Want to participate in MAPP
  - Are near (within 9 months of) being employed
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# Enrolling in HEC Process

- Individual will:
    - ❑ Apply for MAPP
    - ❑ Create/develop application (on their own or with assistance from HEC Screener or others)
    - ❑ Submit application to HEC screener
    - ❑ HEC Screener will then review the application and submit to DHFS for review
    - ❑ DHFS will then send approval/denial letter to applicant
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# Enrolling in HEC Process

- ❑ Applicant needs to bring DHFS approval letter to their Economic Support Specialist (ESS)  
**DO NOT FORGET THIS STEP!**
  - ❑ ESS worker will then complete MAPP eligibility
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# HEC Components

Consumer completes an Application with three components:

- Benefits counseling
- Networking with community resources
- Employment barriers assessment



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# Barriers Identification is important because:

Individuals can only apply for MAPP through the Health and Employment Counseling program twice in 5 years.

\*two periods must be more than 6 months apart

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# Additional MAPP Information

Go to

[www.dhfs.state.wi.us/mapp/](http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/mapp/)

or Call 1 (800)362-3002

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