

Health and Employment Counseling Program

What is HEC?

The Health and Employment Counseling (HEC) Program is a 9 month pre-employment program for people with disabilities who want to enroll in the Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP), but who are not yet employed.

Through MAPP, people with disabilities who are working or enrolled in HEC may buy their Medicaid coverage by paying a monthly premium, based on income. Individuals with low income may not have to pay a premium.

Applying for HEC

Individuals are encouraged to apply for MAPP at their county economic support agency **before applying for HEC**. An individual who meets the eligibility requirements for MAPP but is not yet working may begin the HEC application process by completing an application.

The application can be obtained through the local county economic support office or by contacting the HEC Regional Screener. HEC Regional Screeners are located throughout the state and are available to assist individuals with the HEC application process. **To find out who the HEC Regional Screener is in your area, please call toll free at 1-800-391-2950.**

Developing the Application

The application is designed to help an individual outline a plan to achieve employment within 9-12 months and is divided into four main sections:

- Career planning;
- Employment barriers assessment;
- Benefits counseling; and
- Networking with community resources.

The individual may complete this form independently or involve other professionals, such as case managers or DVR Counselors, to help identify other community resources. The HEC Regional Screener also can help with the application and will briefly discuss how benefits are affected by work.

Approving the Application

The HEC Regional Screener will review the application and determine if employment is feasible within 9-12 months. If the plan is complete, the HEC Regional Screener will submit the application to the Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) for final approval. Individuals will receive a letter from DHFS notifying them of enrollment in the HEC program.

**For more information on HEC or to locate your
HEC Regional Screener, call**

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QUESTIONS?

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