

The Medicaid Purchase Plan Can Help Disabled Seniors with Medical Costs

The Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) is a Medicaid program that is available to people with a disability (including Seniors) who meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older.
- Wisconsin resident.
- Countable assets less than \$15,000 (does not include value of a home or vehicle.)
- Adjusted income less than 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$2512.50 monthly for a single person; \$3383.33 monthly for a couple.)
- Have a disability determination from the DHS Disability Determination Bureau.
- Be employed in a compensated position (includes wages or in-kind payments-must receive something of value in return for services; also includes self-employment) at least one hour per month.

People who qualify for MAPP can receive Medicaid benefits. Even if you already have Medicare, you can qualify for MAPP. MAPP can help pay for medical expenses. Some people with incomes above 150% of the Federal Poverty level will have to pay a premium for MAPP.

The work requirement can be met by paid employment; but it is possible to meet the work requirement even if you do not have paid employment. Some other ways this requirement can be met include babysitting for grandchildren in return for home cooked meals or cleaning at church for coffee and donuts. The requirement can be met by a minimum of working once per month for an hour. People who do not have a job can enroll in a certified Health and Employment Counseling Program for assistance. Participation in the program meets the work requirement for MAPP until employment is obtained.

Contact your local Elder Benefit Specialist for more information about MAPP.