



Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD)

Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD) allows working people with disabilities to qualify for MA with no maximum income limit and higher asset limits than regular MA. The goal of the program is to encourage people with disabilities to work and enjoy benefits of being employed.

Who qualifies for MA-EPD?

To qualify for MA-EPD, a person must:

- Be certified disabled by either the Social Security Administration (SSA) or the State Medical Review Team (SMRT)
- Be employed and have required taxes withheld or paid from earned income
- Have monthly earnings of more than \$65
- Meet the asset limit
- Pay a premium
- Pay an unearned income obligation, if required.

What is the MA-EPD asset limit?

The asset limit for MA-EPD is \$20,000. Some assets that do not count towards the limit are:

- Spouse's assets
- The home you live in
- One vehicle (under certain conditions)
- Household goods, clothing and personal items
- Medical expense accounts set up through an employer
- Burial space items or burial funds (up to \$1,500)
- Some retirement accounts (some retirement accounts may not be counted the same as other assets).

What is the cost of MA-EPD?

MA-EPD premiums are based on a sliding-fee scale or a minimum of \$35, whichever is greater. American Indian enrollees are not required to pay a premium.

In addition to the monthly MA-EPD premium, people who have unearned income, such as Social Security Disability, must pay 0.5 percent of their unearned income.

Minnesota has developed an online web tool that estimates a consumer's monthly premium. For an estimate premium cost, visit www.mn.db101.org and search for [MA-EPD: What You Pay](#). For an actual, accurate premium, please contact your county human services agency.

There are co-pays for some services, such as prescription drugs, non-preventive care visits and eyeglasses.

What services does MA-EPD cover?

MA-EPD pays for the same services as regular Medical Assistance, including:

- Home care services
- Inpatient hospital services
- Mental health services
- Medical equipment and supplies
- Personal assistance services
- Physical, occupational and speech therapy
- Physician and health clinic visits.

Need more information on MA-EPD?

For more information on MA-EPD, contact the Disability HUB MN at 866-333-2466 or go to www.mn.db101.org. You also may contact your local county human services agency.

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