

## Georgia Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities

### Overview

Georgia Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (GMWD) provides new options for people with disabilities who are working with the opportunity to buy health insurance through Georgia Medicaid. GMWD offers Medicaid coverage to working-age individuals who have a disability that is permanent but stable, and who have a desire to be in the workforce.

GMWD establishes a public policy that encourages work. Many people with disabilities can work at least part time, earn money and pay taxes. Generally, people are healthier - both physically and mentally - when they have meaningful, productive lives. An equally important but often overlooked benefit is that a GMWD program can allow people to save money. GMWD will exempt Medical Savings Accounts and approved Independence Accounts to enable an individual to save for adaptive equipment such as a lift-equipped vehicle or overhead lift system.

### Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for GMWD, an individual must meet all the following criteria:

- Have a disability that meets Social Security Administration's standards
- Have disability income between \$600 - \$699/month
- Be employed and receiving compensation
- Be a Georgia resident
- Be at least 16 years of age, but less than age of 65
- Have countable income less than 300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- Have resources less than \$4,000 for an individual, \$6,000 for a couple

### Premium Costs

GMWD participants may be required to pay a monthly premium. Premium amount is based on the individual's age and total countable income.

### Applying for GMWD

You may submit an application in the following ways:

- Online at [www.gateway.ga.gov/access/](http://www.gateway.ga.gov/access/)
- Telephonically by calling 1-877-423-4746
- Paper application by mail, fax, or in-person at the local Division of Family and Children Services [www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov](http://www.dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov)

### Services Covered

GMWD provides the same services as other "full Medicaid" categories of assistance. Family coverage is not available. For more information, contact the Georgia Department of Community Health at 404-651-9982.