**MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES**

**THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW**

**Eligibility Requirements**:

* You must be a South Dakota Resident.
* You must be a United States Citizen or lawfully admitted qualified alien meeting certain criteria.
* You must be working and receiving compensation during the month of application and for each month of eligibility.
* Your total income must be below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
* Your countable resources must be equal to or less than $8,000.
  1. Countable resources include such things as cash on hand, stocks, bonds, contracts for deed, IRA’s, annuities, bank accounts, CD’s, Cash value from a life insurance policy (if the face value of all policies exceeds $1,500.)
  2. Excludable resources include:
  3. Individual’s home where they are residing
  4. Household goods, personal effects, collections of items of unusual value if the equity value does not exceed $2,000.
  5. One vehicle is generally excluded.
  6. Pre-paid, irrevocable burial agreements up to $10,000.
  7. Burial spaces.

**Disability Determination**:

You must be certified as disabled prior to authorization of MAWD benefits. You meet the criteria if you:

* Receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
* Are certified as disabled by the Department of Social Services Disability Review Team. Medical information obtained from the applicant’s physician and other medical providers will be required for a disability determination.
* Have previously received SSI or SSDI benefits and the disability verification is still valid. Verification will be required by SSA.

**Reporting Requirements**:

* You must report any change in address within 10 days.
* Wage reporting is required monthly during the application process and on a quarterly basis after approval as assigned by your benefit specialist.
* If you are self-employed, you must submit monthly ledger showing income and expenses for your business no later than the 10th of the following month or a copy of your current Income Tax Return showing self-employment or farm income.
* You must avail yourself of all income and resources to which you are entitled, including veteran’s benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Income (SSDI), Social Security, income and resources available under a trust, etc.

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