

Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD)

2015 Fact Sheet on Work Incentives *(effective 3/1/2015—2/28/16)*

Medicaid for individuals who have a disability and who go to work.

**Toll free number for questions about MEAD
1.877.809.7028**

What is MEAD?

Medicaid for Employed Adults with Disabilities (MEAD) provides medical coverage to disabled working adults. MEAD has higher income and resource limits than other Medicaid programs. MEAD does not have a “spend-down” and allows eligible recipients to return to work or increase their earnings. Some individuals who are eligible for MEAD may be required to pay a health insurance premium.

How it Works

If you have a disability and you go to work, you should contact your local Division of Health and Human Services (DHHS) office and ask to file for MEAD. To be eligible for MEAD you must meet the following requirements:

- Be between the age of 18-64 years old;
- Be employed or self-employed for pay;
- Be paying FICA and related taxes;
- Meet the medical eligibility for Medicaid in NH;
- Meet the monthly income limit up to \$4,414 for an individual (\$5,974 for a couple), and resource limit up to \$27,237 for an individual (\$40,855 for a couple). This resource limit excludes any contributions towards any 401K Retirement program that you have.
- Enroll in cost-free health insurance if employer makes this available.

You can retain MEAD until you are 65 if you continue to meet the eligibility requirements shown above.

The cost for any other health insurance that you pay (including a Medicare Part B premium) or that someone pays for you would be credited when your MEAD premium is calculated.

What if I lose my job?

Should you leave your employment, you may keep MEAD for a grace period of 6 months while you seek other employment or recover from your illness. Contact your Family Services Specialist at DHHS to discuss any changes to your employment and to discuss an extension of MEAD.

A Financial Planning for Employment (FPE) Coordinator can give you information about the MEAD program.

For more information and support on your work incentives, contact:

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