

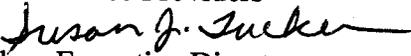
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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Employed Individuals with Disabilities Transmittal No. 1
March 31, 2006

TO: All Medical Assistance Providers

FROM: 
Susan J. Tucker, Executive Director
Office of Health Services

NOTE: Please ensure that appropriate staff members are informed of the contents of this transmittal.

RE: New Employed Individuals with Disabilities Program (EID)

Beginning **APRIL 1, 2006**, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) will implement a new Medical Assistance Program known as the *Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program*.

This program allows individuals with disabilities to work, and receive their Medicaid coverage in exchange for a \$75 six-month premium fee. Individuals will be able to earn up to 300% of the federal poverty level (or approximately \$30,000 per year). Individuals will be eligible for full Medicaid benefits, including inpatient and outpatient care, physician and clinic visits, prescription drugs, and personal care services at home and in the workplace. These services will be delivered through the traditional fee-for-service program. Additionally, if an individual no longer meets the employment criteria due to sickness or certain other circumstances, he/she will continue to receive Medical Assistance for a grace period of four months after the loss of employment. The Department also will consider hardship requests regarding the premiums.

If you know of individuals who might be eligible for the Program, they can request an application packet or ask questions regarding eligibility and enrollment by calling the EID toll-free hotline at 1-866-373-9651 or the TTY line at 1-866-373-9652. Once an individual is enrolled in the EID Program, he/she may call the Medical Assistance Beneficiary Services hotline at 1-800-492-5231.

