

Employed Persons with Disabilities Program

Is loss of medical coverage a concern that keeps you from working?

National studies have shown that over 65 percent of working-age adults with a disability are not working. If you are one of these people, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) has a program that may help you: the Employed Persons with Disabilities program. The EPD program is administered by the Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD) Division.

SPD recognizes that the loss of medical coverage can be a barrier to people with disabilities who seek employment. Even when employers provide medical insurance, the policies may not provide comprehensive coverage or may not cover pre-existing conditions. Also, standard insurance may not cover additional services needed by some people with disabilities.

EPD helps working people with disabilities pay their medical bills and long-term care services. EPD clients may also receive other types of medical coverage, such as private health insurance and Medicare.

SPD looks at your adjusted income to determine if you are eligible for the program. Program participants are charged a 'participant fee' based on their income, up to a maximum fee of \$150 per month



Am I eligible?

To determine eligibility, you and your case worker will need to determine if you meet the following criteria:

Q. You have a disability

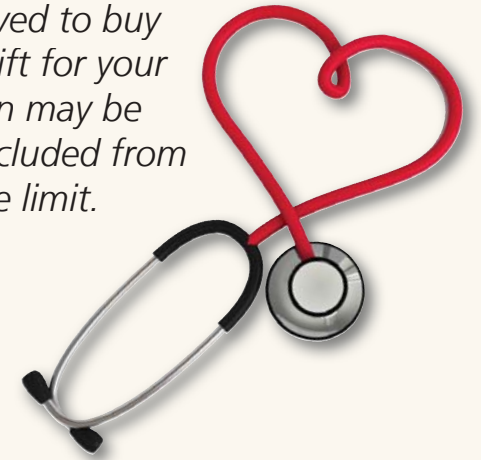
You are considered to have a disability if you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) based on your disability, or you meet the Social Security Administration's definition of disability.

Q. You are employed

To be eligible for the EPD program you must be employed on an on-going basis and receive a taxable wage.

Q. You have limited assets

The program has a resource limit of \$5,000, though there are exceptions. For example, money saved to buy a lift for your van may be excluded from the limit.



How do I apply?

You can apply at any local Seniors and People with Disabilities office.



Find out more

- Do you have a disability?
- Are you employed?
- Do you need medical coverage?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, this program may be for you. For more information, contact your local Seniors and People with Disabilities (SPD) office.



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