

Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled Program

- **A Medi-Cal program for people with disabilities who work at least part time.**
- **Consider applying for the Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled program if you are a person with a disability who has Medi-Cal with a Share of Cost.**

Who is eligible for the Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled Program (WDP)?

To qualify, you must meet all of these requirements:

1. You meet the federal definition of disability.

If you receive any of the disability benefits shown below, you may meet this disability requirement.

- ▶ Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- ▶ SSI Disability
- ▶ State Disability Insurance
- ▶ Workers' compensation
- ▶ Private long term disability benefits

If your Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits have converted to Social Security Retirement benefits because you have reached retirement age, you also meet this disability requirement.

2. You have any type of job.

- ▶ You can work as little as one hour per month, even if it is for a friend, family member, or neighbor.
- ▶ There is no minimum pay requirement.

3. Your monthly earned income must be less than the Medi-Cal 250% WDP income limits:

- ▶ Single person: \$3,138 per month
- ▶ Married couple: \$4,260 per month

Note 1: Medi-Cal only counts about half of earned income from a job. Therefore, you might be eligible for this program even if your earned income is greater than these income limits if you receive no other income.

Note 2: If your household receives "unearned income" such as Social Security Retirement Benefits, the amount must be less than \$1,182.94/single and \$2,022.83/married couple.

As of January 1, 2024, the asset limits have been eliminated.

Does the Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled Program (WDP) count all of my monthly income?

- ▶ **No, this program does not count income from disability benefits such as:**
 - Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**
 - SSI Disability**
 - State Disability Insurance**
 - Workers' compensation**
 - Private long term disability benefits**
- ▶ **Other types of income do count toward the Medi-Cal 250% WDP income limits. This includes income from:**
 - A job**
 - Pension**
 - Social Security Retirement benefits**
 - Unemployment benefits**

Example

Alex is single and receives \$2000 per month in SSDI benefits. He also earns \$500 at his part time job. Alex is applying for the 250% WDP. Will Medi-Cal count his SSDI benefits as income? No, the SSDI is a disability benefit and is not counted as income.



What type of work qualifies for the Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled Program?

- ▶ Any job counts as work, even if you get paid \$1 for one hour of work a month.
- ▶ The employer can be a family member or friend. Here are some examples:
 - grocery shopping**
 - babysitting**
 - tutoring or reading**
 - meal preparation**
 - laundry or other housekeeping activities**

Do I have to provide proof that I have a job?

- ▶ Yes, you must provide written proof that you are working.
- ▶ You can submit pay stubs or a letter from your employer. Your employer letter should include:
 - Your name**
 - Describe your job and the date your job started**
 - How much you earn**
 - The name, address, and phone number of your employer**

How do I apply for the Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled Program?

- ▶ If you do not have Medi-Cal, complete a Medi-Cal application and attach these documents to the application:

Proof of your income

Proof that you have a job

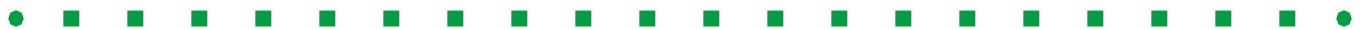
Proof of your disability

Recent bank statements

Mail your application materials to:

**Medi-Cal 250% Working Disabled Program Application
DPSS Medi-Cal Long Term Care, District Office 80
3350 Aerojet Ave.
El Monte, CA 91731**

- ▶ If you have Medi-Cal with a Share of Cost, contact your Medi-Cal worker to apply for this program.
- ▶ The Center for Health Care Rights can help you apply for this program.



**Call Center for Health Care Rights at 1-800-434-0222
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