

MEDICAID WORKS

Fact Sheet

MEDICAID WORKS is a work incentive opportunity offered by the Virginia Medicaid program for individuals with disabilities who are employed or who want to go to work. **MEDICAID WORKS** is a Medicaid plan option that will enable workers with disabilities to earn higher income and retain more in savings, or resources, while ensuring continued Medicaid coverage. This voluntary plan option will allow enrollees to have annual earnings in 2011 as high as \$44,340 and resources up to \$32,545.

MEDICAID WORKS is available to current and new Medicaid enrollees who are blind or disabled, have total countable income of no more than \$726 per month for a single individual (\$981 if a couple) and resources of no more than \$2,000 if single (\$3,000 if a couple).

Individuals with disabilities who meet the eligibility requirements for this work incentive plan may choose to enroll in **MEDICAID WORKS** if they:

- Complete the **MEDICAID WORKS Agreement**;
- Are employed or have documentation from an employer establishing the date when employment will begin;
- Are at least 16 years of age and less than 65 years of age;
- Establish a “Work Incentive” (WIN) account (a regular checking or savings account) at a bank or other financial institution to deposit earned income, which can be used as needed, and to keep financial resources in order to remain eligible for Medicaid; and
- Submit payment of a premium if required.

To apply for **MEDICAID WORKS**, contact the local Department of Social Services in the city or county where you live. For help understanding how earned income may affect other benefits, such as SSI, Section 8 housing or SNAP (food stamps), ask how you can contact the Work Incentive Planning and Assistance (WIPA) project in your community.