



# GUIDANCE FOR DDA CRMS

How Public Benefits Support Employment

## **APPLE HEALTH FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES (HWD) – APPLYING**

# ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS



HWD is for working individuals:

- Must be working at time of eligibility
- Must be working at time of eligibility anniversary date
- There are provisions about what qualifies as employment.

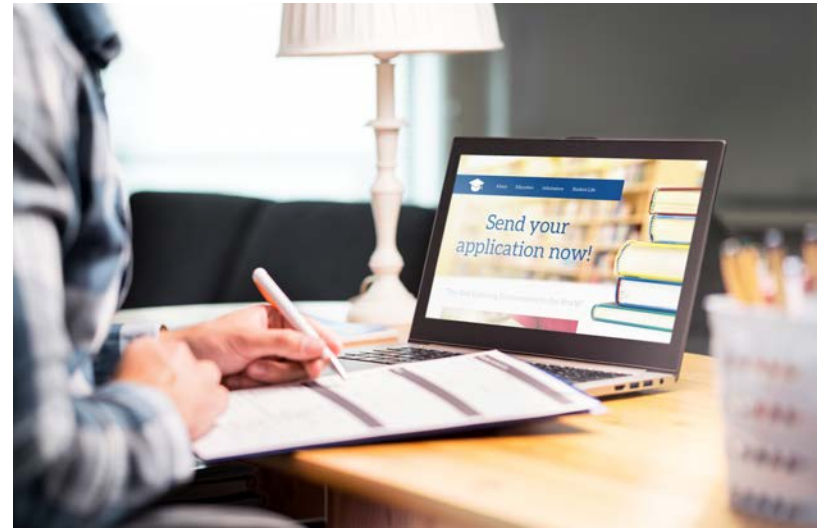
Must qualify under the Social Security disability definition, with some exceptions in regards to:

- Substantial Gainful Activity
- Medical Improvement

# APPLICATION

## People receiving non-MAGI Medicaid

- Send referral via form 15-345



## People on MAGI Medicaid or not currently eligible for Medicaid

- [www.washingtonconnection.org](http://www.washingtonconnection.org)
- Paper application
  - By mail
  - In-person at local CSO

## Welcome

[Navigation Tutorial](#)

**Washington Connection** offers a fast and easy way for families and individuals to apply for a variety of services such as Food, Cash, Child Care, Long-Term Care, and Medicare Savings Programs. Individuals that are age 65 or older, blind or disabled may also apply for medical assistance. Click "See If I Qualify" to get started. [Watch Video](#)

**Washington Healthplanfinder** offers healthcare coverage for children, parents/caretakers with children, pregnant women, or adults age 18 to 64 years old. For information regarding available services or to apply for benefits, visit [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org).

See If I Qualify

Apply Now

Find Services

I would like to ...

- ▶ See if I qualify
- ▶ Apply Now
- ▶ Renew my benefits
- ▶ Report a change
- ▶ Complete my mid-certification review
- ▶ Find services

How do I ...

Community partner resources





## Go To

[ZIP Code](#)[Your Needs](#)

% Complete

5%

**Tracking Number:**

[? Help with this Page](#)

## Your Needs

Select all the benefits you need.

### Cash Assistance

Cash

### Food Assistance

Basic Food

### Washington Apple Health

Health Care Coverage - Everyone applying is 65 or older, blind or disabled

Medicare Savings Program

### Child Care Assistance

Child Care Subsidy Programs

### Long Term Services and Supports

In-Home Long Term Care Services

Assisted Living Facility / Adult Family Home

Nursing Home

Hospice

Healthcare / Workers with Disabilities (HWD)

Tailored Supports For Older Adults (TSOA)



# WASHINGTON CONNECTION – EXAMPLES OF INFORMATION REQUESTED

- Contact info: SSN, birthdate, address, phone, email
- Income
  - Wage info
  - Employer contact info (address, phone, employment start date)
  - Other income (SSDI, Child Support, Retirement, etc.)
- Household expenses (rent, utilities cost)
- How long a WA resident
- DSHS Client ID, if available
- Health insurance info (private, Medicare)
- Contact info for Authorized Representative
- Sponsored alien info
- Resource information
  - Resource type
  - Where it is held (bank name, for example)
  - Amount
- Dependent or Child Care expenses
- Outstanding Medical Bills

# MEDICAID-ELIGIBILITY WORKERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- Must compare all options and determine which program
  - costs less
  - is most advantageous to the individual
- A person not currently eligible for federal benefits related to disability must go through a disability determination.
- DDA HWD Specialists: (800) 871-9275



## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Plan for Work** (covers the Southern edge of the state)
  - Call: 1-800-452-1694 x227 or 503-243-2081 x227
  - Email: [pfw@DROregon.org](mailto:pfw@DROregon.org)
  - Contact: [ajones@DROregon.org](mailto:ajones@DROregon.org)
- **Plan to Work** (covers the rest of the state)
  - Call: 1-866-968-7842
  - Email: [plantowork@community-minded.org](mailto:plantowork@community-minded.org)
- If enrolled with **DVR**, may request benefits planning services through DVR counselor.