

## **Coronavirus/COVID-19 and Medical Assistance for Employed Persons with Disabilities (MA-EPD) – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **I am enrolled in MA-EPD, but my work decreased or I stopped working due to the COVID-19 emergency. Can I keep my MA-EPD coverage?**

People enrolled in MA-EPD on or after March 18, 2020 will not have their coverage closed for the months during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency. This includes people who had to stop working to take care of a family member with COVID-19 and people who stopped working or reduced hours because they're at high-risk for developing complications from COVID-19.

If you decrease your hours or stop working, report this to your county worker right away. Your MA-EPD premium may decrease, or you may be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) without a premium. If your premium goes down, the lower premium starts the month after you report the change. Your worker will discuss your options and help you decide which program is best based on your needs.

### **Do I still have to pay my premium for MA-EPD coverage to continue?**

Yes, if you have an MA-EPD premium you need to continue paying it. During the COVID-19 emergency your MA-EPD coverage will not be closed if you do not pay your premium.

### **Do I have to give my worker proof that I lost my job or my income changed related to the COVID-19 emergency?**

You must tell your worker and give an explanation about losing your job or that your income changed. You do not need to give proof if you can't get it to them for reasons including, but not limited to:

- Your employer is shut down and can't provide proof
- You are under quarantine, or
- You do not have access to a copier, fax machine, or mail

## **I had to stop working or reduce my hours because of COVID-19, and I am not able to pay my MA-EPD premium. What can I do?**

First, tell your worker that your income has gone down or stopped so they can adjust your MA-EPD premium for the next month, or see if you might be eligible for MA without a premium instead of MA-EPD.

If you can't pay your MA-EPD premium because of something outside of your control, you can ask for "good cause" for not paying the premium. To request good cause:

- Fill out the MA-EPD Good Cause Request form ([DHS-6939](#)).
- Send it electronically (press "submit" at the bottom of the online form), or print and mail it to:

Department of Human Services  
MA-EPD Good Cause,  
P.O. Box 64967,  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0967

If you need help completing the form, call [Disability Hub MN](#) at 866-333-2466.

If your good cause request is approved, you won't have to pay the premium(s) for the month(s) it takes to resolve the situation.

You cannot request good cause for your initial premium.

## **I lost my job and qualify for unemployment insurance. Do I have to apply for unemployment benefits?**

Yes, you must apply for all other benefits you could qualify for, including unemployment insurance.