



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

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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?

If you decrease your hours, or have stopped working you can continue to get MA-EPD during the peacetime emergency.

Your MA-EPD premium might decrease if you are working fewer hours or stop working, so tell your worker about your job loss or decreased hours and your new income right away. The lower premium starts the month after you report the change.

You may be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA) without having to pay a premium if you stop working or decrease your hours. When you tell your worker about your job loss or decreased hours, your worker will discuss your options and help you decide which program is best based on your needs.

MA-EPD enrollees who stop working, go off MA-EPD and still need MA can keep the \$20,000 MA-EPD asset limit for up to 12 months, as long as there's no break in coverage.

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 are not able to pay your premium.

I had to stop working to take care of a family member with COVID-19, am I eligible for a 4-month extension of MA-EPD coverage?

Yes. MA-EPD enrollees who stop working, reduce their hours, are laid off or furloughed, or take a leave of absence to care for a family member with COVID-19 are eligible for a 4-month extension of MA-EPD coverage.

I had to stop working or reduce my hours, because I am high-risk for developing complications from COVID-19. Can I still qualify for MA-EPD?

MA-EPD enrollees who are high-risk for complications from COVID-19 may be eligible for a 4-month extension due to job loss or medical leave. Contact your worker to see if you qualify.

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 was approved for a 4-month extension of my MA-EPD coverage, do I still have to pay my premium?

Yes. MA-EPD enrollees who are eligible for a 4-month extension of MA-EPD coverage due to a job loss or medical leave must continue to pay a premium for coverage.

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 am enrolled in MA-EPD, but my job loss or medical leave may be longer than 4 months. Can I qualify for an extension for more than 4 months?

A job loss or medical leave extension can only be up to 4 months. If you lose your job while on a 4-month medical leave, your MA-EPD can be extended for another 4 months under the job loss extension for a total of up to 8 months.

Due to the peacetime emergency, contact your Financial Worker about your case if your job loss will be more than four months.

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.