

Disabled People May Get Medical Assistance Through Either **Healthy Horizons or MAWD**

What's the Difference?

	Healthy Horizons	MAWD
Income limit for 1 person	\$981 per month (100% of the poverty level)	\$2,453 per month (250% of the poverty level)
Income limit for 2 people (including spouse's income)	\$1,328 per month	\$3,319 per month
Asset limit	\$2,000 for one person \$3,000 for a married couple	\$10,000
Where to apply	CAO district office	Central MA processing unit – see address on following page
Need to be working?	No	Yes
Is there a premium?	No	Yes – 5% of countable income per month (not including spouse's income). Many people pay about \$50 per month.

Many rules are the same for both programs:

- The rules for counting income are the same:
 - The first \$20 of income from any source does not count, and
 - For earned income, the next \$65 of income also does not count, as well as half the rest of earned income.
 - For example, John works and receives \$1,885 before taxes every month. But only \$900 per month counts for Medical Assistance! That's because the welfare office will first deduct \$85 (\$20 + \$65) and then count only half of the remainder ($\$1,800 \div 2 = \900). John can get Healthy Horizons.

- The MA benefits package is the same.

- People who receive Medicare who enroll in Healthy Horizons or MAWD get the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy automatically. They also get their Medicare Part B premium paid for them if their countable income is below 120% of the poverty level (\$1,149 per month for one person, \$1,551 per month for two people).

Where to Apply for MAWD

The Philadelphia County Assistance Office has centralized processing of MAWD applications through a special unit at the Philadelphia County Assistance Office.

The MAWD application will be processed most quickly if you mail or fax the MAWD application (and required proof) directly to that office:

Central MA Processing Unit
Philadelphia County Assistance Office
801 Market Street.
Fifth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Phone: (215) 560-3420

Fax: (215) 560-2417

To apply for Healthy Horizons – or any other benefits such as food stamps – submit an application to the CAO district office assigned to your address. To locate that office, call the Philadelphia CAO Change Center, at (215) 560-7226.

To get an application, you can call the Change Center, or print one from DPW's web site: www.dpw.state.pa.us, keyword “medical assistance.”

Any CAO office should process any application submitted to it – either a Common Application Form or a MAWD application. The CAO should put you in the best category of MA that you qualify for, regardless of which application you submit.