

Subject MA-EPD eligibility

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## Overview

This bill modifies the eligibility requirements for MA for employed persons with disabilities (MA-EPD).

MA-EPD is an optional eligibility category under MA. Federal law provides an exception from the prohibition on substantial gainful activity for MA eligibility. This category allows persons with disabilities to work productively and still retain health benefits. In order to be eligible under this option a person must:

- be certified as disabled by SSA or SMRT;
- receive more than \$65 per month in earned income and have Medicare, Social Security, and applicable state and federal taxes withheld; and
- pay required monthly premiums and unearned income obligation.

There is no income limit under MA-EPD. The asset limit is \$20,000 (certain assets are excluded, such as retirement accounts, medical expense accounts, and other exclusions that apply to persons with disabilities).

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	Amends § 256B.057, subd. 9. Increases the asset limit from \$20,000 to \$40,000 and requires the commissioner to adjust the asset limit for inflation annually beginning July 1, 2023. Modifies the sliding fee scale upon which a person's premium is calculated. Modifies how an enrollee's income is determined for purposes of determining the premium amount. Extends the income redetermination period from a six-month review to an annual review. Specifies the notification process for enrollees who fail to pay a premium. Modifies reimbursement provisions for
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enrollees who are also enrolled in Medicare by expanding the Medicare costs for which an enrollee is reimbursed under MA-EPD.



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