**Policy Clarifications – Medicaid - MAWD**

**Submitted: 11/2016 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD) Presumptive Eligibility**

**Question:** Can presumptive eligibility for MAWD be authorized as long as the applicant provides some type of information about the disability?

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| **Response By: Division of Health Services** | **Date:** |

Yes. If the County Assistance Office (CAO) receives some type of disability information and all other conditions of eligibility are met, the CAO **must** authorize presumptive MAWD without delay. Disability information may be provided verbally or in a written format and can come from various sources. Examples of these sources include, but are not limited to:

* Employability Assessment Form (PA 1663)
* Health-Sustaining Medication Assessment Form (PA 1671)
* A caretaker
* A medical provider
* A Mental Health or Intellectual Disability Agency
* A Center for Independent Living (CIL)
* An agency that serves the applicant, such as the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR)

After presumptive eligibility is authorized, the CAO will then request proof of the disability to complete a Disability Advocacy Program (DAP) referral for the Medical Review Team (MRT). The initial presumptive eligibility period is three months from the date of authorization and may be extended an additional three months if more medical information is needed for the MRT review.

**NOTE:** There is no retroactive coverage under presumptive eligibility.

For additional information, please refer to MAEH 316.211.