

**Policy Clarifications –  
Medicaid – All  
PMA-18376-319**

**Submitted: 6/20/18**

**Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Healthy Horizons and applying for potential income.**

**Question:** We have a single client who is active on PH 00 and earns \$1500 / month from employment – and that is the only source of income she has. A few years ago, she applied for RSDI, but was denied for being over SSA’s SGA limit. AN MRT determination was completed, and the MRT determined her disabled. The client did not want MAWD because of the requirement to pay a premium, but otherwise qualified for PH 00 and has remained PH 00 ever since. A recent case review has brought to light that policy at MAEH 319.2 - is interpreted to mean that this client should only be eligible for MAWD.

(CAO specified they were talking about this

NOTE: Individuals must apply for Social Security benefits, including SSI. If an individual does not want to apply for Social Security benefits, he or she may choose to apply for Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD) instead of Healthy Horizons benefits. An individual is not required to apply for Social Security benefits to be eligible for MAWD. He or she must meet the work requirements and pay monthly premiums.)

Can this client be PH 00?

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**Response By: Division of Family Assistance/DHS**

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Yes, this client can remain PH-00. Individuals who qualify for Healthy Horizons (PH 00) must apply for SSI/RSDI to be eligible for PH 00. If the individual applies and is

found not eligible for SSI/RSDI due to income, the CAO will refer the individual to MRT for certification of disability. The CAO does not need to review for MAWD if the individual has met the requirement of applying for Social Security benefits, regardless of the outcome, and meets the other eligibility criteria for PH-00. The CAO would only review for MAWD if the individual does not want to apply for SSI/RSDI benefits.