**Policy Clarifications**

 **Medicaid – MAWD**

**PMW-19522-316**

**Submitted: 7/3/19 Agency: CAOs**

**Subject: Reviewing Individuals for Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD)**

**Question: If an individual is over the income or resource limits for other Medical Assistance (MA) categories, including Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS), do they need to be reviewed for MAWD?**

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

Yes. An individual who is age 16 through 64, is disabled (or presumptively disabled), employed, and over the income and/or resource limits for other MA categories **must** be reviewed for MAWD. The individual does not have to apply specifically for MAWD to be considered for the program.

* For an individual who did not apply specifically for MAWD or was not given MAWD information in the COMPASS application, the caseworker will contact the individual, explain the program and premium requirement, and obtain their consent prior to authorizing MAWD.
* For an individual who did apply for MAWD or was already given MAWD information in the COMPASS application, the individual is already aware of the program and its premium requirement. The caseworker does not need to contact them prior to authorizing MAWD.

Note: When in doubt as to whether the individual is aware of the MAWD program, the caseworker will contact the individual prior to authorizing MAWD.

Reminder: To build MAWD in Case Processing (CP), the caseworker will request MAWD under the MAWD Request field on the Disability screen.

For additional information, please refer to MAEH 316.1 and 316.6.