

Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program Overview

The Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program was developed in 1987 in response to Medicaid access initiatives being implemented by the SC Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) to meet the medical needs of uninsured and under-insured South Carolina residents. The Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program provides a means for Medicaid providers, medical facilities, state and local government agencies, school districts, health centers, and nursing homes that serve Medicaid beneficiaries to have Medicaid applications taken and eligibility decisions made on-site.



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Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program
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SPONSORED MEDICAID
WORKER PROGRAM
(SMWP)

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What is the Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program?

A program that provides a means for Medicaid providers and facilities to have a local SC Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid eligibility worker(s) placed in their facility where patients receive services.

What providers are eligible to participate in the Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program?

Providers must be enrolled in the South Carolina Medicaid Program. Providers include, but are not limited to hospitals, health centers, nursing homes, local government, state agencies, school districts, Managed Care Organizations and physician practices.



Who Benefits from the Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program?

Providers would have the availability of a knowledgeable Medicaid eligibility worker(s) on-site to address Medicaid eligibility questions and/or issues, assist their patients with the Medicaid application process and make Medicaid determinations on-site.

Patients would have the convenience of having a Medicaid eligibility worker on-site to assist with the Medicaid application process and determination without having to go to the local SCDHHS office to apply, residents of all counties would have the convenience of completing the application process outside of their county.

How does the Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program Work?

If a provider decides to sponsor a Medicaid eligibility worker, a Memorandum of Agreement between the SC Department of Health and Human Services and Sponsor would be generated.

The purpose of the Agreement is to ensure citizens of South Carolina have an opportunity to apply for Medicaid benefits at provider locations through the Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program. A local SC Department of Health and Human Services Medicaid eligibility worker(s) would be on-site in the provider's facility five days a week to take and process Medicaid applications. The out-stationed Medicaid eligibility worker(s) would be trained and supervised by the local SC Department of Health and Human Services' county office.

What is the Cost Associated with the Sponsored Medicaid Worker Program?

Sponsors pay 50% of the total cost of the budget for a sponsored Medicaid eligibility worker and all associated costs including equipment, supplies and furniture; which is approximately \$21,000 annually. Sponsored Medicaid eligibility worker(s) salaries are based on 12 months of employment and salary cost is prorated if the contract is initiated less than 12 months.