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Attn: Facility Social Worker

From: The Patient Services Department @ NW-14

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Re: The Medicaid Buy-In Program of Texas

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Please post in a prominent area of your facility and make the attached flyer available to all patients who would qualify. Thank you for all you do for ESRD patients in Texas!

# MEDICAID BUY-IN

**THE MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM OFFERS AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO WORK AND EARN A PAYCHECK**

***This program is for people with disabilities who want to go back to work or keep working but are worried about losing their Medicaid coverage if their income level is too high. They might be able to “buy in” to Medicaid coverage by paying a monthly premium.***

This buy-in program offers the same services that others get through Medicaid. These include:

- Office visits
- Hospital stays
- X-rays
- Vision services
- Hearing services
- Prescriptions

**Who should apply?** To get into the Medicaid Buy-In program, a person must:

- Meet the disability requirements of the Social Security Administration.
- Be employed or self employed, either part-time or full-time.
- Earn enough money for a Social Security qualifying quarter (3-month period ending each March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31). Income limits change each year.

**How to apply:**

- Call 2-1-1.
- Visit your local HHSC benefits office.
- Visit [www.YourTexasBenefits.com](http://www.YourTexasBenefits.com). Click on "Request an application." Then choose the Integrated Application. On the application, check the box for "Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities." Write "MBI" at the top of the application.

**Have Questions?**

Go to [www.hhsc.state.tx.us/mbi.html](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/mbi.html) and click on Medicaid Buy-In Frequently Asked Questions.

**Resources**

Employment and Disability Connections website:

[www.dars.state.tx.us/edc/](http://www.dars.state.tx.us/edc/)

**Printable Brochure** (PDF) available on website.

