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Town Meetings to Provide Information on Disabilities Program

Sessions are scheduled in Columbia, Hagerstown and Salisbury

BALTIMORE, MD (May 4, 2006) -- Three “town meetings” designed to provide information about the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s (DHMH) *Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program* will be held this month.

These public meetings will provide information to individuals with disabilities, employers, family members and others on this new Medical Assistance Program that debuted in April.

Meeting times and dates are as follows:

- May 15, 1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. at The Meeting House, Oakland Mills Interfaith Center, 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045;
- May 22, 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. at the Robinwood Medical Center, RW3 Suite 142, 11110 Medical Campus Road, Hagerstown, MD 21742; and
- May 23, 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. at Fountains Wedding and Conference Center, 1800 Sweetbay Drive in Salisbury, MD 21804.

Information on EID eligibility requirements, medical coverage, costs, and application procedures will be provided at each of these events. To request special accommodations at an event, please call 301-662-0099, ext. 3522 or e-mail info@mdworkforcepromise.org.

The EID Program, also known as the ‘Medicaid Buy In’, allows individuals with disabilities to have income up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level (in 2006, roughly \$30,000 for one person; \$40,000 for couples) and have assets up to \$10,000 while they receive Medical Assistance coverage. The cost to enroll in the EID Program is \$75 for every six months of coverage.

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