Requesting a Claim of Hardship Exemption from the EID Program

Please read the information below to see if you qualify for the Claim of Hardship Exemption and how to apply for it.

What is a Claim of Hardship Exemption?
The Department of Health (MDH) allows applicants and recipients of the Employed Individuals with Disabilities (EID) Program to request a Claim of Hardship Exemption to waive the monthly fee for up to 6 months. This exemption is for people who temporarily cannot afford their EID monthly premium(s) due to financial hardship.

What are the Criteria for Receiving a Hardship Exemption?
You must specify that your financial hardship is so severe that payment of the premium would “compromise [your] ability to obtain and provide basic food, shelter, and clothing for [yourself] or other members of the assistance unit or other legal dependents.”

How to Apply for the Hardship Exemption?
If you feel that you qualify for a hardship exemption, please follow the below instructions:

- Request a Claim of Hardship Exemption (DHMH EID 2A) form from your caseworker.
- Complete the Claim of Hardship Exemption form.
  - Specify the reasons why payment of the premium (also referred to as an enrollment fee) keeps you from obtaining and providing food, shelter, or clothing for yourself or your family.
  - Write how many months you are requesting a hardship exemption (hardship cannot be granted for more than 6 months).
  - List all sources of income and your expenses.
  - Attach supporting documentation, if needed.
- Mail the form to the following address:

  Eligibility Determination Division (EDD)
  Schaefer Tower
  6 St. Paul Street
  Suite 400
  Baltimore, MD 21202

MDH will evaluate the claim of hardship and notify you of its decision within 30 days of its receipt. The hardship exception rules are based on COMAR 10.09.41.07C.

If you have any questions about the EID Program or the hardship exemption, please contact: 1-866-373-9651 (TTY: 1-866-373-9652). For questions about your eligibility call 410-767-7090. https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/eid