



With the elimination of the 180-work day requirement, all signatory employers will be required to make contributions to the MPI Plans for all hours guaranteed or worked on or after July 3, 2022. The MPI Plans will keep track of hours remitted on behalf of all individuals and send out the necessary paperwork once the individual has met the requisite hours to qualify for benefits (*i.e.*, 600 hours for “truly newlies”). Note that there will be some delay between the hours worked and contributions being remitted by the employers/payroll companies and processed by the MPI Plans. Once an individual qualifies for benefits, the individual’s eligibility commences on the first of the 3rd month following the month in which the hours requirement was met. (Please see the eligibility charts on the MPI Plans’ website <https://www.mpiphp.org/home/eligibility>)

For example, if a truly newlie (someone who has never previously qualified for coverage) gets 600 hours by 8/15/2022, that truly newlie will fall within the Qualifying Period ending 8/20/22, and benefits will begin on 11/1/22.

Although the MPI Plans will track the hours and send out the necessary paperwork, We would advise your members to keep track of the hours they work. After they believe they have met the initial 600 hours to qualify, they should expect to receive paperwork in the mail 6-8 weeks after. If they have not received anything after 8 weeks, We would recommend they contact the Plans at that point to verify hours and the address on file with the Plans. The MPI participant services number is 1-855-275-4674 (855-ASK-4MPI).

Links

MPI Website

<https://www.mpiphp.org/home>

Eligibility

<https://www.mpiphp.org/home/eligibility>

Travel Expenses Reimbursement Related to Obtaining Benefits

<https://www.mpiphp.org/PorticoWebApi/api/ContentLibrary/DownloadPDF/8544b4df-0eb9-4a62-9288-c59bf50ff7df>