



MAPP Law signed April 2026

My name is David Pinno. Previously I was a board member for the WI Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (WI-BPDD).

In April 2026 Governor Evers signed a bill Wisconsin needed for a long time and that I have been advocating towards for a long time. MAPP stands for the Medical Assistance Purchase Plan.

Did you know that prior to Aug 1st 2026 if you deposited more than 50% of your work earnings in your independence account you were penalized 1/12. The bill I helped to draft increases the Mapp independence account contribution from 50% to 100%.

So, for example: if you earned \$6000 a year prior to Aug 1st, you could only deposit \$3000 into an independence account. Now, people can deposit the full amount. The rule was 25 years old and I knew it had to be updated.

The bill signed in April 2026 also allows up to \$40,000 to be received from an inheritance and can be put in a regular savings account, cd, or checking but not the independence account because the independence account is for work earnings only.

The \$40,000 is not counted as an asset so you could have up to \$54,999 in assets and still be eligible for MAPP. What needs to be updated still is the amount of money you can have in your savings, checking, or cd. The limit has been at \$15,000 since 2000.

My suggestion is to increase the amount yearly with inflation. I also think MAPP premiums should never exceed \$125. Let's get rid of the 250% cap on income for the

program. My hope is that the legislature will consider these ideas as I know the plan is to keep the MAPP budget neutral. I also hope to work with the WI-BPDD and advocates around the state to push for this change. Thanks.

