
HEARINGS

HEARING PROCEDURES

**F. DESIGNATING
A REPRESENTATIVE**

The client may be represented by anyone he designates. The client must give the designation to the Medicaid Regional Office in writing if the person is not the legal representative, legal guardian, or authorized representative. If another person states that the client has designated him as the client's representative and the client has not provided written verification to this effect, the Regional Office will ask the person to obtain the written designation from the client. Otherwise, the Regional Office or the State Office would be put in the position of releasing confidential information about the client without assurance that this person is the client's designated representative.

**G. BOTH MEMBERS
OF COUPLE
APPEAL**

When both members of an eligible couple wish to protest the action or inaction of the Regional Office that affects both applications or cases similarly and arose from the same issue, one or both members may file the request for a hearing. The couple will be assured that both may present evidence at the hearing and that the Agency's decision will be applicable to both.

If both file a request for a hearing, two hearings will be registered but they will be conducted on the same day and in the same place, either consecutively or jointly, according to the wishes of the couple. If it is their wish for only of them to attend the hearing, this is permissible.

**H. REGIONAL
OFFICE
HANDLING
REQUEST**

The client will ordinarily file an appeal in the Regional Office which is responsible for the adverse decision or the delay in action. If the client has moved to another Regional Office jurisdiction at the time the appeal is made, it is possible for the Regional Office which serves the client's current county of residence to act for the former Regional Office. However, the hearing officer may request the attendance of the worker in the Regional Office in which the action was taken if necessary or advisable.