
STATE RELATIONSHIP WITH SSI AND MEDICARE

EMERGENCY MEDICAID CARD CERTIFICATION

- A. PURPOSE/
PROCEDURE**
- SSI approvals are transmitted to Medicaid's fiscal agent on a weekly basis and approval notices and Medicaid Cards are issued accordingly. A new SSI approval will usually appear on SDX within two to three weeks after the SSI approval has been processed by SSA. If emergency medical assistance is needed, the local Social Security Office can expedite the issuance of a Medicaid Card via the Emergency Medicaid Card Certification procedure which is processed by the State Office, Eligibility Division. Before this procedure can be initiated, the Social Security Office must certify to the Eligibility Division that the individual is SSI eligible and in need of emergency medical services which cannot be obtained without the Medicaid Card.
- 1. Emergency
Form**
- The Social Security Office must also provide all the necessary identifying information needed to issue a Medicaid Card. A form for this purpose has been provided to all local Social Security Offices.
- 2. Retroactive
Medicaid**
- When an individual is certified through the emergency certification process, he may still request a SSI retro determination and a determination of eligibility for the interim month(s) between the month of SSI application and the month the SSI payment begins through the Regional Office. The 3-month period for the retroactive determination will be the three months prior to the date of the SSI application. The date of the SSI application as verified by SSA is the determining date to use in establishing the 3-month period for an SSI eligible. The interim months are determined as the missing months of an SSI payment beginning with the month of SSI application and the month the SSI payment starts.
- It is not possible for the "interim" months to be covered via the Emergency process because SSI eligibility for these interim month(s) is not verified.

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- 3. Notice of Approval** In instances where a Medicaid Card will not be issued through the use of the emergency procedure, the Eligibility Division will issue a Notice of Approval specifying the month(s) of eligibility, the month of SSI application, the Medicaid ID number assigned and that retroactive benefits are available. The Regional Office will receive a copy of the notice.
- B. SYSTEMS LIMITATIONS CASES** The emergency certification procedure through the State Office Eligibility Division may also be used when an individual is determined eligible for a prior period but is not ongoing SSI eligible and due to systems limitations Medicaid eligibility cannot be established.
- 1. Presumptive Disability** Presumptive disability decisions by SSI are allowed up to 6 months of SSI/Medicaid eligibility while awaiting a final DDS decision. These approvals do not always appear on the SDX so it is usually necessary for SSA to prepare an Emergency Form to establish Medicaid eligibility.
- 2. Death of SSI Applicant** When an SSI approval is rendered after the death of the applicant, it is usually necessary for SSA to submit an Emergency Form in order to establish Medicaid eligibility for the period of SSI eligibility. Refer to the "Special Handling of SSI Cases" for eligibility determinations for SSI applicants who die prior to an SSI decision.
- 3. ALJ Reversal** In instances of an ALJ reversal of an SSI denial or termination through the SSI hearing process, it is usually necessary for SSA to submit an Emergency Form to establish Medicaid eligibility for a prior period of SSI eligibility.
- 4. Other Limitations** In any instance of a systems limitations case whereby SSI eligibility will not appear on SDX for a reason other

than one cited above, the only mechanism in place for Medicaid eligibility to be established for a period of SSI eligibility is via the Emergency Certification process.