
NONFINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

BLINDNESS AND DISABILITY

**E. EXCEPTIONS TO
OBTAINING DDS
DISABILITY
APPROVALS**

A separate Medicaid determination of disability is not required in certain instances where DDS has already determined disability using SSI criteria for the same period of time to be covered by a MAO application. If the date disability began, as established by SSA, does not include all months of requested Medicaid eligibility, a separate DDS decision is required. The exceptions are as follows:

**1. Applicant
Receives
Title II
Disability**

If an applicant receives title II disability benefits (for a disability other than blindness for PLAD applicants) on an ongoing basis based on his/her own disability and the date disability began is verified to include all months to be covered by the Medicaid application, i.e., the month of application and any retroactive month(s), then a separate DDS decision for Medicaid is not required. The "Date Disability Began" will appear on the applicant's TPQ response from SSA. The receipt of title II disability must be reverified at each redetermination.

2. ALJ Reversal

If you have evidence of an ALJ (Administrative Law Judge) reversal that establishes disability (other than blindness for a PLAD applicant) and the date of onset of disability, this evidence can be used provided the onset of disability encompasses all months of the Medicaid eligibility request.

**3. Deceased
Applicants**

A verified death date is sufficient to establish disability for a deceased applicant provided the disability which resulted in death existed in all months that Medicaid eligibility is requested. For example, if a traumatic onset of disability such as an accident occurred which resulted in death, eligibility could only be established under this exception for the month of the accident forward.

**4. Disabled Adult
Child(ren)**

If an applicant is: over 18, entitled to Medicare, and receives title II benefits as a C1-C9 beneficiary, then no separate DDS decision is required as disability has previously been established by SSA.