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Questions should be directed to the IM Policy Unit in the Office of Family Support.



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES

Gaston Caperton
Governor

June 7, 1996

Gretchen O. Lewis
Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Your Medicaid coverage as a recipient of General Assistance for Disabled Adults (GA for DA) will stop on June 30, 1996. You will receive your last medical card in June. This action is being taken because the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources is discontinuing the GA for DA Medicaid Program on June 30, 1996, based primarily on a recommendation of the Governor's Medicaid Crisis Panel. You received GA for DA because you had a disability which was expected to last at least 6 months, but Social Security denied you Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits because they did not consider you disabled.

Prior to discontinuing your GA for DA Medicaid coverage, your local Health and Human Resources office evaluated your case to see if you qualify for Medicaid coverage under any other Medicaid group. If you do not qualify for Medicaid under another group, your Medicaid coverage will stop on June 30, 1996. The local office will notify you if they determine that you qualify for continued Medicaid coverage after June 30, 1996 under another Medicaid group.

The amount of Food Stamp benefits you receive, if any, will not be affected.

If you have any questions about the loss of your GA for DA Medicaid, contact your local Health and Human Resources office, or you may call the Client Services Unit at 558-2400 or toll-free at 1-800-642-8589.

You may apply for another Medicaid group at the local Health and Human Resources office. Additionally, recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits also receive Medicaid. You must apply for SSI at your local Social Security office, not at the local Health and Human Resources office. The Social Security office **cannot** answer questions about why your GA for DA Medicaid is being stopped.

If you do not agree with the proposed action, you may request a Fair Hearing and/or a Pre-Hearing Conference. If you ask for a Fair Hearing and/or a Pre-Hearing Conference within fourteen (14) of the date of this letter your benefits will not be stopped, pending a final decision. Otherwise, the proposed action will be taken and you may ask for a Fair Hearing or Pre-Hearing Conference within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the action taken. A form to ask for a Fair Hearing/Pre-Hearing Conference is enclosed. You also have the option to ask for a Hearing/Conference by phone or in person. A list of organizations which provide legal services without charge to eligible persons is also enclosed.

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