

1.6 AFDC MEDICAID

A. APPLICATION FORMS

The OFS-2 is used. See Section 1.3,F for reapplications when a new form is not required.

B. COMPLETE APPLICATION

When the applicant signs an OFS-2 or OFS-5 which contains, at a minimum, his name and address, his application is complete.

An application is considered incomplete when the client chooses not to sign the OFS-2, or OFS-5. When this occurs, it is a withdrawal, and appropriate data system action and client notification must be completed. The recording in case comments must specify that the client did not want to sign the application and the reason for his decision. The client should always be encouraged to sign the application so there is no misunderstanding that he was denied the right to apply.

C. DATE OF APPLICATION

The date of the application is the date the applicant signs an OFS-2 or OFS-5 which contains, at a minimum, his name and address.

If the client, who became ineligible due to a lump sum payment requests recomputation, the date of application is the date of his request.

D. INTERVIEW REQUIRED

An interview is required when an OFS-2 is required. See item A above and Section 1.3,F for situations when an OFS-2 is not required.

E. WHO MUST BE INTERVIEWED

The specified relative with whom the child lives must be interviewed.

If the child is living with both parents, both must be interviewed unless:

- One parent is hospitalized; or

- One parent is incarcerated; or
- One parent is employed and his working hours preclude participation in the interview during the agency's normal working hours.

When the specified relative with whom the child lives has a legal committee, the committee must be interviewed.

If the child is living with only one specified relative who is unable to participate in the interview, a representative may be interviewed. A written statement, signed by the specified relative, which gives the representative authority to apply on his behalf, is required.

F. WHO MUST SIGN

The individual(s) who is interviewed must sign the OFS-2.

G. CONTENT OF THE INTERVIEW

In addition to the requirements outlined in Section 1.2, the following specific requirements apply.

- BCSE: Explain assignment of support rights, redirection requirements, good cause, penalties for failure to cooperate without good cause, possible referral to BCSE for signature of paternity acknowledgement, and obtain the signature on the OFS-AP-1 of the relative with whom the child lives.
- Eligibility: Explain beginning date of eligibility and that it can be backdated.
- Lump Sum: If the client indicates he may receive a lump sum payment, explain the lump sum policy.
- Pregnancy: Explain the need for the client to report immediately when anyone in the benefit group becomes pregnant.
- TPL: Explain Third-Party Liability procedures.

H. DUE DATE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The client and the Worker agree on the date by which additional verification must be obtained.

I. AGENCY TIME LIMITS

Data system action must be taken to approve, deny or withdraw the application within 30 days of the date of application.

EXCEPTION: When the delay is a result of factors outside the control of the Department and the applicant; e.g., inability to obtain medical reports.

J. AGENCY DELAYS

If an application has not been acted on within the required time limit due to agency error, corrective action must be taken immediately. The procedures in Section 19.9,J must be followed.

K. PAYEE

The payee is the individual in whose name the medical card is written. The following rules apply.

- Deprivation Factor Is Not Unemployment: The specified relative with whom the child resides is the payee.
- Deprivation Factor Is Unemployment: The unemployed parent is the payee, unless it is in the best interest of the family for the other parent to be the payee.

L. REPAYMENT AND PENALTIES

See Section 20.4,B.

M. BEGINNING DATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility begins the first day of the month in which eligibility is established. However, eligibility may be backdated up to 3 months prior to the month of the application, when the client met all eligibility requirements in the prior month(s). When the client is eligible for backdated coverage, the system must be coded with the month, year on which the backdated period begins.

This date is always the first day of the month of backdated coverage.

When a client, who became ineligible due to a lump sum payment, requests recomputation of the period of ineligibility, his date of eligibility can be no earlier than the date of his request.

N. REDETERMINATION SCHEDULE

Cases are normally redetermined annually. The redetermination schedule is set automatically by the data system, unless the Worker and Supervisor agree that a redetermination must be completed earlier. When a case is reopened without an OFS-2, the Worker must ensure that the client continues in the same redetermination cycle.

O. EXPEDITED PROCESSING

There are no requirements for expedited processing. Cases are approved in the order in which eligibility is established.

P. CLIENT NOTIFICATION

The client must be informed that he is eligible for Medicaid coverage and the date that his coverage begins.

See Chapter 6.

Q. DATA SYSTEM ACTION

Each application requires data system action to approve, deny or withdraw.

R. REDETERMINATION VARIATIONS

1. Completion Of The Redetermination

If the client continues to be eligible, the Worker must make necessary data system changes to indicate changes in the client's circumstances. If the client is no longer eligible, the case is closed after proper notification.

2. Overdue Redeterminations

A case is overdue if changes are not transmitted by the last day of the month in which the redetermination was due regardless of the effective date.

S. THE BENEFIT

1. Retroactive Benefits

The first medical card generated by the data system shows eligibility through the end of the current month. In situations where retroactive eligibility is established, a separate card is used for each retroactive month.

2. Ongoing Benefits

The initial medical card shows the eligibility dates for the current month. After the initial month's medical card, a new card is issued monthly which shows the month's eligibility dates.

3. Ending Date Of Eligibility

The ending date of eligibility is the last day of the month of the effective date of closure.

T. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY CONTRACT (PRC)

The PRC is not used for Medicaid purposes.

U. ORIENTATION

Attending WV WORKS orientation is not an eligibility requirement for Medicaid.