

B. THE MRT REFERRAL

1. Content And Organization Of Material Submitted

The following items are required to submit a case to MRT, and they must be arranged in the following order:

- DFA-RT-2
- DFA-RT-1
- Medical reports arranged in order from most recent to oldest
- For cases previously referred to MRT, the old packet of material must be included with the new information, if available.
- All information related to one case must be stapled together.

2. Cases Submitted To MRT For Re-evaluation

When a case is submitted for re-evaluation of disability, incapacity, blindness, JOBS or WV WORKS work requirement exemption or M-WIN Medically Improved, the following materials must be included:

- DFA-RT-2

If MRT requested the re-evaluation, the Worker must check the appropriate column and note the month the re-evaluation is due in the comments section.

If the Worker is requesting re-evaluation, the comment must explain the reason for the request.

- A current DFA-RT-1, Social Summary Outline, if the previous ES-RT-3 and/or DFA-RT-3M indicated one **is** needed. **See Section 12.2,C for instructions regarding completion of the DFA-RT-1.**
- The latest ES-RT-3, and/or DFA-RT-3M.
- All material on which the original decision was based.
- The new information requested by MRT for re-evaluation purposes.
- Hearing Summary if the MRT decision was reversed by the Hearings Officer on the issue of incapacity, disability, or blindness.

3. Division Of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) Referrals

When an individual is active with DRS, the Worker requests medical reports from DRS. These reports should be included in the material when sent to MRT for evaluation.

4. Fair Hearings

When a Hearings Officer reverses a decision of MRT, it is the responsibility of the Hearing Officer to decide when the case is to be re-evaluated and the information which will be needed. The Worker is to advise MRT using form DFA-RT-2. A copy of the Hearing summary must be included in the material submitted to MRT for the next re-evaluation.

5. Notifying MRT Of Eligibility Related Information

After a case is submitted to MRT, the Worker must notify MRT immediately if the client is found ineligible for any other reason other than failure to meet a spenddown or if SSA makes a disability or blindness determination. MRT must also be notified when a client moves to another county. MRT is notified using form DFA-RT-2.

C. Processes for Pending MRT Referrals

1. Responsibilities of the Sending Local Office

The local office which sends the case must do the following:

- Send a message to the receiving local office about the case transfer and that there is a pending Medical Review Team (MRT) referral.
- Make case comments in CMCC regarding the current case status, medical records which were requested, whether or not the information has been submitted to MRT and the final disposition of case and review date, if applicable.
- Ensure that screens ANDI and ANMR are completed so that the appropriate alerts are generated.
- Forward all information regarding the MRT referral to the receiving local office (social summary, general physical, medical records, etc.).