

## 12.3 PROCESS FOR DETERMINING DISABILITY, INCAPACITY AND BLINDNESS

### A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

**NOTE:** The determination of disability, incapacity or blindness for SSI-Related Medicaid applicants must not be delayed to determine if the client will meet his spenddown. The establishment of disability, incapacity or blindness and meeting a spenddown requirement are both eligibility factors and both must be pursued simultaneously. If the application is denied in eRAPIDS for a reason other than failure to meet a spenddown prior to a MRT decision, the Worker must notify MRT of the denial. MRT will stop consideration of the case and return all information to the Worker. If the Worker determines that the client is ineligible for any other reason prior to the MRT decision, the application is denied, and the Worker must notify MRT to stop consideration of the application. This does not apply when the only reason for denial is failure to meet a spenddown.

The following steps are necessary in the process of determining incapacity, disability and blindness. These steps do not apply to the determination of disability for SNAP benefit policies. See Section 12.15.

- Accept the application.
- Prepare the Social Summary, using form DFA-RT-1, completing it in RAPIDS, unless not available
- Obtain initial medical reports
- Evaluate for presumptive approval and/or referral to MRT
- Obtain additional medical reports when indicated
- Re-evaluate for presumptive approval
- Re-referral to MRT
- MRT decision
- Disposition
- **Notify the Federally-Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) electronically when appropriate.**

**NOTE:** Should the Worker determine that the client is ineligible at any time during this process, he denies the application and immediately notifies MRT. This does not apply when the only reason for denial is failure to meet a spenddown.