#### Application/Redetermination Process

### 1.22 SSI-RELATED MEDICAID, AGED, BLIND AND DISABLED

#### A. APPLICATION FORMS

A DFA-2, or Single-Streamlined Application (SLA) is used.

A reapplication is treated as any other application except in some situations when a new form is not required. See Section 1.3.

#### B. COMPLETE APPLICATION

The application is complete when the client or his representative signs a DFA-2, DFA-5 or SLA which contains, at a minimum, the client's name and address.

## C. DATE OF APPLICATION

The date of application is the date the applicant submits a DFA-2, or SLA, in person, by fax or other electronic transmission or by mail or the Marketplace, which contains, at a minimum, his name and address and signature. When the application is submitted by mail or fax, the date of application is the date that the form with the name, address and signature is received in the local office.

**NOTE:** When a faxed copy or other electronic transmission of an application is received that contains a minimum of the applicant's name, address and signature, it is considered an original application and no additional signature is required.

**NOTE:** When the applicant has completed the interactive interview, and there is a technical failure that prevents the printing of the DFA-2, Form DFA-5 must be signed by the applicant, attached and filed in the case record with the subsequently printed DFA-2. The DFA-RR-1 must also be completed when the DFA-5 has been signed. For clients who reapply within 60 days of the previous application which was denied due solely to failure to meet spenddown, the date of application is the date the client requests reconsideration. No DFA-2 is required when the requirements in Section 1.3 are met.

## D. INTERVIEW REQUIRED

No interview is required.

# G. CONTENT OF THE INTERVIEW

Although no interview is required, when an interview is conducted, the interview requirements in Section 1.2 are applicable. In addition, the following must be discussed with the applicant when an interview is not conducted:

- That an aged individual may have his eligibility determined as a blind or disabled individual if he wishes.
- The spenddown process.
- The specific months which will constitute the Period of Consideration (POC) based on the 6 month POC that will most benefit the client. The beginning date of eligibility may be backdated up to 3 months prior to the month of application when all eligibility requirements are met and the client has medical expenses for which he seeks payment.
- The MRT process, if applicable.
- That when a couple applies, one spouse may be approved, when eligible, while the application for the other spouse remains pending.
- Relationship with QMB/SLIMB. See Section 1.15.
- H. DUE DATE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information is due 30 days from the date of application.

**CHAPTER 1** 

## I. AGENCY TIME LIMITS

1. Application Processing Limits

**NOTE:** When an applicant, age 65 or over, wishes to have his eligibility evaluated as a blind or disabled person and the process of establishing disability or blindness will result in a delay, his application is approved based on age. If at a later date his blindness or disability is established, the deprivation factor is changed.

- SSI Age-Related Medicaid: Data system action to approve, deny or withdraw the application must be taken within 30 days of the date of application.
- SSI Blind-Related Medicaid: Data system action to approve, deny or withdraw the application must be taken within 60 days of the date of application.
- SSI Disability-Related Medicaid: Data system action to approve, deny or withdraw the application must be taken within 90 days of the date of application.
- 2. MRT Time Limits

To ensure that the 90-day processing limit is met for MRT cases, the following time limits apply to the MRT process:

REQUIRED ACTION	TIME LIMIT
Request medical records and reports	By the 7th calendar day after application
Follow-up request(s) for medical records or reports	By 30 days after initial request, and each 30 days thereafter
Submission to MRT	By 7 days after medical records/reports received.
Receipt of file and logged in by MRT	By 2 days after receipt by MRT
Initial review by MRT staff	By 7th day after receipt

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