

Are You Disabled and Applying for Medicaid?

What to provide with your application for Medicaid

What is Medicaid? Medicaid is a state run medical assistance program for needy individuals and families with limited income.

Who qualifies?

If you are under age 65 and have no children, you must be disabled to qualify for Medicaid.

- You may be disabled if you have a condition that has affected (or is expected to affect) your ability to work for at least 12 full months, or result in death.
- Children may be considered disabled if they have a medical condition severe enough to be considered a disability for an adult.
- **Who decides if I am disabled?** We use the same rules as Social Security to determine disability. If Social Security determines you are disabled, we accept their decision and will automatically consider you disabled. If you do not have a disability determination from Social Security, we will work with the Division of Disability Determinations (DDD) to have them evaluate your condition based on medical information you provide.

What is the Procedure?

- ☐ Complete the application:
 - File an application online at www.myflorida.com/accessflorida or call 1-866-762-2237 for an application to be mailed. The Department of Children and Families will act on your application without regard to age, race, color, sex, disability, religious creed, national origin, marital status, or political beliefs.
 - Provide Signed CF-ES 2514 form (Authorization to Disclose Information).
 - Provide Medical information
- ☐ Attend an Interview: **Don't Delay!** Don't delay your interview if you don't have all this information. You can provide it later or we can help you get it. *Most interviews are handled by telephone.*
- ☐ Every effort is made to complete your application within 90 days of the date your application for Medicaid is received, not counting any delays caused by you in getting necessary information to us.
- ☐ If your case is still pending after 100 days, your case will be reviewed to determine why there is no decision, instruct eligibility staff on what information is missing, and advise them how to obtain the missing information. If a 100-day review of your case is completed, you will be sent a special notice telling you the results of the review. Your case will continue to be monitored until a final decision is made.

What do I need to provide?

- Medical Information:
 - A copy of the letter from Social Security to show the determination of disability and the date your disability began. If Social Security determination letter is received, no other medical information is needed; otherwise medical information will be collected to determine disability eligibility.
 - Proof you have applied for Social Security Disability Insurance payments.
- You must have income and assets within certain limits to qualify:
 - Proof of gross monthly income from all sources,
 - Information about things you own such as bank accounts, stocks, annuities, real property, cars, etc.
- Proof of Florida residency
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or qualified noncitizen: Social Security number or Alien registration card, if not a U.S. citizen.