



ARE YOU DISABLED AND APPLYING FOR MEDICAID?

Notification of Disability Information and Request Form

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

What is disability? 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. If you are applying for Medicaid based on your disability, you must apply for all other disability income you may be able to receive, including Social Security Disability Insurance payments. You are not required to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). For more information about Social Security, call 1-800-772-1213 or visit them online at <http://www.ssa.gov>.

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 do I need to provide? If you have a determination of disability from Social Security, give us a copy of the letter from them to show the decision and the date your disability began. We need no other medical information. If you do not have a determination of disability from Social Security, you need to provide us information about your condition. We will send the information to DDD for them to evaluate and make a disability decision.

What information do I need for my interview?

- Complete names, addresses, and phone numbers of doctors, hospitals, or clinics that treated you.
- Dates of treatment.
- Names of all medications you take for your condition.
- Medical records from your doctors, therapists, hospitals and clinics.
- Laboratory and test results.
- Information about your normal daily activities, interests and hobbies, and how your condition affects them.
- Unpaid medical bills.
- Signed CF-ES 2514 form (Authorization to Disclose Information).

What other information should I provide? In addition to being determined disabled, you must have income and resources within certain limits to qualify for Medicaid. You must also be a Florida resident and a U.S. citizen or qualified noncitizen.

Additional information we need:

- Social Security number.*
- Alien registration card, if not a U.S. citizen.*
- Proof of gross monthly income from all sources.

- Any letters you received from Social Security about your disability.
- Proof you have applied for Social Security Disability Insurance payments.*
- Information about things you own such as bank accounts, stocks, annuities, real property, cars, etc.

The list above covers the most common types of documentation we need from you to show you are eligible for Medicaid. We may ask you for additional information during the interview or as we process your case.

* Not required if you are a not a citizen and only applying for Emergency Medical Services to cover periods of emergency services only.

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. Giving us medical records with your application may help us make a faster decision, but if it is not available, we will still send your disability application to the Division of Disability Determinations. You may copy your medical records at a customer service center or fax them to your case processor from one of our gold community partner sites. Lists of service centers and partners are online at: http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/docs/partner_listing.pdf.

Very Important! We handle most interviews by telephone. If you need to reschedule your interview, please call the number on your appointment letter to schedule another interview time. Please understand that rescheduling an interview may cause a delay in processing your Medicaid case.

We will make every effort to complete your application within 90 days of the date we receive your application for Medicaid, not counting any delays caused by you in getting necessary information to us.

If your case is still pending after 100 days, we will review your case 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 we complete a 100-day review of your case, we will send you a special notice telling you the results of our review. We will continue to monitor your case until a final decision is made.

You can file an application online at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/ess/> or call 1-866-762-2237 for an application to be mailed to you.

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.