

Virginia Department of Social Services
Medicaid Fact Sheet # 15

**AGED, BLIND OR DISABLED (ABD) INDIVIDUALS WITH INCOME
LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 80% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL**

The following information is given as a guideline only. For Medicaid eligibility to be determined, an application must be filed with the local department of social services in your locality.

Full Medicaid benefits may be available to you if you are at least age 65, blind or disabled (ABD) and your income is less than or equal to (\leq) 80% of the federal poverty level (FPL). This Medicaid program is called ABD with Income \leq 80% FPL. The local department of social services must have certain information to determine your eligibility for Medicaid. If the required information is taken to the agency or mailed with the application form, the processing time could be shortened. To be eligible for Medicaid as ABD with Income \leq 80% FPL, you must:

- be one of the following: at least age 65, legally blind as determined by the Virginia Department for the Blind and Visually Handicapped, or disabled as determined by the Social Security Administration or the Medicaid Disability Determination Unit.
- be a resident of Virginia. A statement of Virginia residence will be accepted unless there is reason to question the residence.
- be a United States citizen or meet the immigration status requirements for Medicaid. Citizenship and identity must be verified unless you have Medicare or receive Social Security Disability benefits. Immigration status must be verified.
- have a Social Security number or show proof of application for a Social Security Number.
- assign all rights to medical support.
- have countable income at or below 80% of the federal poverty guidelines. Income includes Social Security benefits, pensions, wages, interest, dividends, etc. Your countable income must be no more than **\$792** per month. If you are married and your spouse's income is counted, the limit **is \$1,068** per month. If your income is higher, you may be eligible for limited coverage under Medicaid.
- not have countable resources in excess of **\$2,000 for one person** or **\$3,000 for a couple**. Resources are things such as bank accounts (checking, savings, certificates of deposit, Christmas club, etc.), stocks, bonds, cash value of some life insurance policies, property that does not adjoin your home, etc. When looking at resources, your home and adjoining property, one automobile, burial plots, home furnishings, property in which you have only a life interest and personal jewelry are not counted.

If you think you might be eligible for this program, you can file an application for Medicaid at your local department of social services. You can apply for Medicaid on the Internet at: <https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/access/>.

You can also request that an application be mailed to you, or you can download an application from the Internet at: http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/medical_assistance/forms.cgi, so that you can complete it and mail it to the local department of social services. You do not need to visit the office to file an application. If you have questions or need assistance in completing your Medicaid application, contact an eligibility worker at your local department of social services.

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PURPOSE OF FORM - The local agency workers may distribute this form to provide customers with basic policy information regarding coverage for an aged, blind or disabled individual with income less than or equal to 80% FPL.

NUMBER OF COPIES - One

DISPOSITION OF FORM - One per inquirer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARATION OF FORM - The form does not require the addition of any information by the eligibility worker.