

Virginia Department of Social Services  
Medicaid Fact Sheet # 15  
AGED, BLIND OR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS  
WITH INCOME LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO  
80% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL

The following information is given as a guideline only. To determine Medicaid eligibility, an application must be filed with the local department of social services for the area in which you live.

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 limit. 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 citizen or lawful alien. If citizenship is questionable, it must be proved. Alien status must be verified. If a parent does not sign the "Declaration of Citizenship or Alien Status" for the child, the parent is not eligible for Medicaid but the child will be eligible.
- 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 for 2005. Income includes Social Security benefits, pensions, wages, interest, dividends, etc. Your countable income must be less than \$638 per month. If you are married and your spouse's income is counted, the limit is \$856 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 as ABD with Income  $\leq$  80% FPL, you should file an application for Medicaid at your local department of social services. You do not need to visit the office to file an application. You can request that an application be mailed to you so that you can complete it and mail it back to the local department of social services. 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 a child under six.

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.