

# **DMA CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 05-17: DISABILITY**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

**Manual:** Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid  
**Change No:** 05-17  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services  
**Effective:** Upon Receipt

## **I. BACKGROUND AND CONTENT OF CHANGE**

The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) has revised and updated Medicaid policy related to Disability. These revisions are spelled out in section II below.

## **II. POLICY REVISION**

### **Disability**

MA-2525 Disability was revised to:

- Remove references to the Eligibility Information System (EIS) and add the appropriate NC FAST reference.
- Remove references to “county dss” and “dss” and replace with “local agency.”
- Remove examples from the policy.
- Remove information related to protected Medicaid status for children.
- Add the associated hyperlinks to Medicaid policy sections and DMA form references.
- Add clarification to what should be included in a complete disability referral.
- Clarify that applying for Social Security benefits is a post eligibility factor.

- Add clarification to the process Disability Determination Services (DDS) utilizes when returning a disability decision to the local agency.
- Add a hyperlink to the Social Security Administration's (SSA) monthly Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amount.
- Remove all references to the Third Party Query (TPQY) system.
- Update the Claims Analysis Unit address and telephone number.

### **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is effective November 1, 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact DHHS Operational Support Team at [ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov).

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