

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 10-11, RSDI/SSI DISABILITY & FIGURES/ATTACHMENTS REMOVAL

DATE: MAY 31, 2011

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 10-11

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: June 1, 2011

I. BACKGROUND

According to federal regulations, a disability decision rendered by the Social Security Administration (SSA) is binding on Medicaid. Current Medicaid policy provides that when SSA determines an individual is disabled and a previous Medicaid application was denied due to disability, the time limits for prior eligibility depend on whether the initial Medicaid disability decision was an adoption of an RSDI/SSI decision. Research by DMA staff has determined the time limits are not dependent on whether the SSA decision was adopted.

DMA is converting all figures and attachments into a form or incorporating into the policy. We are removing figures/attachments from the policy manuals and changing the links from the figure/attachment to the forms section of the forms website. This procedure will be done in all FC and ABD sections over the next few months.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. MA-2525, Disability, is revised to:

1. Remove the difference in time limits for prior eligibility when SSA has approved disability on appeal. The procedures and time limits are the same regardless of whether the original Medicaid disability decision was an adoption of a RSDI/SSI decision.
2. Remove Figures 1, 7, 8 and 9 and any reference to figures. Change the link from the figure to the form number. Figures that are not forms are incorporated into the manual section.
3. Convert MA-2525, Figure 6, Protected Status Tracking Sheet, to [DMA-5117](#), Protected Status Tracking Sheet, and change the link from the figure to the form.
4. Remove the form number DD-12 from the Authorization and Request for Reimbursement of Travel Costs, (formerly Figure 5) to match the current DDS form name.

5. Add Disability Determination Services (DDS) and DMA Claims phone numbers.
6. Obsolete MA-2525, Figures, 2, 3, 4, and 5. These figures are the [DMA-4037, Disability Determination Transmittal](#). Specific instructions are included in the manual regarding the information contained on these figures.
7. Change the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amount for non-blind individuals to \$1,000.00. The amount remains \$1,640.00 for blind individuals.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective 06/01/2011. Apply this policy to Medicaid applications taken on or after 06/01/2011 as well as to those presently in process.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-2525, Disability, pages 3-18 and pages 21-33 and Figures 1-9.

Insert: [MA-2525, Disability, pages 3-18 and pages 21-29, dated 06/01/11.](#)

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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