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Category: **Disability Determination – Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination Process**

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Summary: Updated for clarify and readability.

Disability Determination - Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination Process

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Purpose: The Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination process is designed to ensure that ABD / MCS applicants gain access to the highest level of assistance they are eligible to receive.

1. Under the concurrent process, the Department first attempts to obtain medical evidence necessary to determine eligibility for ABD cash assistance identified in [WAC 388-449-0015](#).
 2. If the applicant does not meet ABD disability criteria outlined in [WAC 388-449-0001](#) or fails to provide the medical evidence necessary for the Department to determine ABD eligibility within the 45 day standard of promptness, the Department will consider eligibility for MCS.
 3. Medical evidence necessary to determine MCS eligibility is outlined in [WAC 182-508-0020](#) and [WAC 182-508-0030](#).
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WORKER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Review available medical records and approve ABD if the applicant meets any of the non-SEP

- criteria outlined in WAC 388-449-0001.
2. If available information is not sufficient to approve ABD, complete a social service intake assessment and review available records to determine what additional evidence is necessary to determine ABD disability.
 - 1.3. Request medical records from within the past 5 years associated with any potentially disabling impairment(s).
 - 2.4. Request a mental health or physical evaluation from an ABD acceptable medical source identified in WAC 388-449-0010 only when current medical records are insufficient to determine ABD eligibility or when the impairment has not been established by an ABD acceptable medical source within the past 5 years.
 - 3.5. If sufficient medical evidence necessary to determine ABD eligibility is not received within the 45 day standard of promptness or the applicant does not meet ABD disability criteria, consider eligibility for MCS.

NOTE: A social service intake assessment is not required to determine ABD disability. If the applicant fails to complete a social service intake assessment, review available evidence to determine if the applicant meets the approval criteria detailed in WAC 388-449-0001. If the applicant meets the approval criteria detailed in WAC 388-449-0001, approve ABD. If the applicant does not meet the approval criteria detailed in WAC 388-449-0001, deny ABD for no medical evidence

NOTE: An exception to the Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination process has been granted for applications received on behalf of incarcerated individuals via the 1290 program defined in RCW 74.09.555. If sufficient medical evidence necessary to determine ABD eligibility is not available and the Department has sufficient medical evidence necessary to determine eligibility for MCS, the Disability Specialist will determine MCS eligibility prior to the applicant's date of release whenever possible.