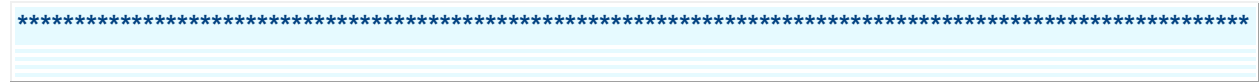


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Summary

Further clarified ABD medical treatment participation requirements and good cause scenarios. Added procedures to support SSI Facilitation (Good Cause) and ABD Medical Treatment Participation, and linked procedures for staff.



SSI Facilitation – Participation in the SSI Application Process and Medical Treatment

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~~Sanctions SSI Applications~~

~~Purpose:~~

~~Social workers are agents of change who empower our clients to improve their own lives.~~

WAC 388-449-0200 - Am I eligible for cash assistance for Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) while waiting for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

Clarifying Information

~~Compliance with DSHS and SSA is a condition of eligibility for ABD cash.~~

1. For Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR) policy information, see *SSA Interim Assistance Reimbursement Authorization*.
- ~~1. Individuals who the Department has established don't meet the definition of "qualified alien" for SSI eligibility aren't required to pursue SSI. For example: PRUCOLs and people terminated from SSI due to the seven year rule aren't qualified aliens.~~
- ~~2. PROCOLs may have enough work quarters to qualify for SSDI and must pursue SSDI.~~
- ~~3.2. ABD recipients who are not U.S. cNon-Citizens must cooperate with the SSI/SSDI application process until it is established by SSA that they don't meet the requirements for either program.~~
3. When If ABD is closed cash assistance has been terminated because the person failed to comply with pursuing disability benefits even if they claim good cause, only authorize further ABD cash assistance after the person verifies they have taken action to comply. for not participating in the SSI application process, we consider ABD eligibility once the client takes necessary steps (within their power) to participate.
4. SSI Facilitators assist with the SSI application process. See the *CSD Procedures Handbook: SSI Facilitation- Good Cause Process*.
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- ~~5. Medical Treatment~~
- ~~6. ABD cash clients/recipients must cooperate with SSA requirements. To be eligible for SSI, individuals must participate in medical treatment for their disabling condition(s) unless they have good cause not to do so. provide documentation that their impairments are disabling despite appropriate medical treatment.~~
- ~~7. Clients must follow through with recommended treatment for all potential disabling condition. The only Good cause reasons for failing to cooperate with recommended medical and mental health treatment are: include the following:~~
5.
 - ~~a. The client provides proof that their treating provider has discussed identified a treatment risk that the treatment may cause further limitations or loss of function, and the person is pursuing a less dangerous treatment option. client is not willing to take the risk.~~
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 - ~~b. Treatment is not available without The client provides proof there is a direct an out of pocket medical cost to the client,~~

- ~~c. for the recommended treatment. Transportation or other incidental costs don't meet the good cause requirement for failing to cooperate with treatment. The client's fear of the treatment may interfere with the treatment or reduce its benefits.~~
 - ~~d. The client practices an organized religion that prohibits the treatment.~~
 - ~~e. The client has been diagnosed with a terminal illness and does not wish to accept treatment.~~
 - ~~f. The client's disability is permanent and there is no available treatment to improve the condition.~~
6. Disability Specialists verify medical treatment participation for ABD recipients every six months and provide ongoing support to the client to help them participate as needed. See CSD Procedures Handbook: ABD Medical Treatment for Disabling Conditions.

Related Procedures (Staff Only)

- SSI Facilitation- Good Cause Process
- ABD Medical Treatment for Disabling Conditions

Worker Responsibilities

~~If a person fails to apply for SSI, or follow through with any SSA requirement:~~

~~Send form 14-509 Good Cause letter to schedule an appointment with a SSIF.~~

~~If the person had good cause for failing to comply with the SSI application process, explain the requirement and coordinate with DDS or SSA to help the person fulfill the requirement.~~

~~If the person failed to file an SSI application, reconsideration, or hearing request, complete the application or request for appeal at the good cause appointment regardless of whether good cause is established.~~

~~Use the 14-118 to notify financial services to terminate ABD cash benefits until the person has signed the IARA, filed the SSI application, completed the consultative examination, or any other SSA requirement regardless of whether good cause is established.~~

~~If the person complies with signing the IARA or the SSA application process requirement before ABD benefits have terminated, use the 14-118 to notify financial services to reinstate ABD benefits because the person has complied.~~