



IPMG Professional Development Webinar: Supporting Children Targeted for Waivers to Obtain Medicaid and Indiana's Medicaid Eligibility Changes - Q&A

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Q: So if an individual has a waiver and they are eligible for MaD they should not have to submit their income correct?	A: All Medicaid recipients, regardless of age, need to submit their income information to Medicaid. Parental income does not need to be submitted.
Q: I have an individual who is listed as MA D and is 16, will he be denied SSI. Mom thinks he will. He does not currently have social security benefits and it has been hard to get MA for him each yr.	A: Parental income is counted for SSI until the individual turns 18. If the family believes that they meet the financial eligibility for SSI, they could apply for the benefit for him. Since Medicaid and Social Security use the same eligibility standard, it may be difficult for him to obtain SSI when he turns 18 if it has been difficult passing the Medical Review Team with Medicaid.
Q: Have you heard any discussion that would indicate the state will utilize other funding sources, such as state line funding, to support those people who would lose waiver services due to these changes?	The State of Indiana is continuing to evaluate these changes.
Q: So I am hearing correctly.. if an individual is denied social security (SSI) then MA and MAW will be terminated.. they will not be approved for these? Is there an appeal process?	A: For any new referrals to Medicaid for the Disabled, the person needs to be eligible for Social Security Disability benefits. More detailed information about the appeal process can be found in the FSSA Q/A document at http://www.in.gov/fssa/4859.htm

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Q: Along that line, if an individual is under 18 will they need to apply for social security (SSI).. they are going to have to when they are 18 any way, correct?	A: Parental income is counted for SSI until the individual turns 18. If the family is over income, they probably would not get past the financial portion of the SSI interview. There is currently a requirement to apply for Social Security Disability benefits when applying for Medicaid for the Disabled. However, I understand that this requirement is ending for minors.
Q: Can a client on the waiver over the age of 18 refuse to apply for SSI or SSDI and still maintain their Medicaid and Waiver? Client does not want to be labeled as disabled/disability.	A. A person cannot refuse to apply for SSD benefits based on not wanting to be labeled disabled.
Q: Minor client on FSW waiver just got Medicaid eligibility and a week later received a denial letter stating that they were not Medicaid eligible due to not being eligible for SSI. Do they appeal with Medicaid or SS?	A. They would want to call Medicaid and ask about the denial. They may need to speak with a supervisor. They may be able to correct it without going through the appeal process. If they wanted to appeal it, they would appeal it through the Medicaid system.
Q: I am CM for a child on waiver who is requested to provide parental income every year. His mother has told them every year that he has a waiver and she should not have to provide that, but they still require it. What can we do to stop this?	A: Parental income needs to be reported if the child receives Medicaid through an aid category outside of Medicaid for the Blind (MA-B) or Medicaid for the Disabled (MA-D). If the child is on MA-B or MA-D, parental income does not need to be reported. The questions on the recertification paperwork make it sound as though parental income is required, but it is not.
Q: Will this change the annual re-determination process?	A: Individuals receiving SSI will not need to complete annual recertification with Medicaid/Division of Family Resources.

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<p>Q: You said that if a person is on MA-D currently but not on SSI, they would likely remain on MA-D. Does that mean that if they are on MA-D now, they do not have to apply for SSI?</p>	<p>A: If progress reports are required to show status of the person's disability, he will need to apply for SSI the next time that a progress report is due. If progress reports are not required and the Medical Review Team has determined the person's disability to be long term, then it is likely that he will not need to apply for SSI. However, that is based on information provided prior to implementation.</p>
<p>Q: Parent can take a copy of the Senate Bill 30, and then they don't question.</p>	<p>A: The Special Waiver Rules around parental income not being needed for individuals on the waiver and on Medicaid for the Disabled beginning with the month that the child was eligible for the waiver can be found at: http://www.in.gov/fssa/files/3300.pdf</p>
<p>Q: Can you speak to a child who is currently on A&D waiver but whose parents income disqualifies them for SSI. Would waiver and Medicaid remain the same?</p>	<p>A: The changes taking place to Medicaid effective 6/1/14 do not directly impact children.</p>
<p>Q: Thank you, very informative!</p>	<p>A: You are welcome!</p>
<p>Q: I think I missed the slide. I understand that anyone who desires to apply for Medicaid must now apply for SSI/SSDI. So there is no way to get Medicaid without applying for SSI/SSDI.</p>	<p>A: For new referrals to Medicaid for the Disabled, the applicant will need to apply for Social Security Disability benefits. Medicaid will complete a conditional eligibility review while waiting for the SSA decision. Once the SSA decision is made, Medicaid will follow that decision. If the individual is a minor and the family is within the income guidelines for Hoosier Healthwise, he can obtain Medicaid based on income only. If the individual is over 65, he can obtain Medicaid for the Aged based on income only.</p>

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Q: House keeping question: Will copies of the presentation slides be made available as a resource?	A: The recorded webinar, slides, and Q/A will be posted on our website at www.gotoipmg.com .
Q: Just to double check: if an adult currently has the waiver, but has never applied for SSI, they would need to apply for SSI now?	A: If progress reports are required to show status of the person's disability, he will need to apply for SSI the next time that a progress report is due. If progress reports are not required and the Medical Review Team has determined the person's disability to be long term, then it is likely that he will not need to apply for SSI. However, that is based on information provided prior to implementation.
Q: The family received a letter that makes it look like they need to apply for SSI although they have MRT decided disability.	A: The family will need to call Medicaid and verify if the SSI application is necessary.
Q: Family just called today stating they are being kicked off Medicaid & waiver because they are being denied SS disability, they are 18 y/o. So we should encourage them to apply again?	A: If it is a recent SSA denial, the family would want to appeal the SSA decision.

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<p>Q: Since Medicaid Annual determination will not be required for adults with SSI, what process does SSI use to complete SSI redetermination?</p>	<p>A: Social Security Administration (SSA) reviews income, resources, and living arrangements to be sure that a person is still eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and is getting the right amount of SSI benefits. SSA redetermines eligibility and benefit amounts of most beneficiaries through periodic reviews that are typically once every 1 to 6 years.</p> <p>Social Security periodically reviews disability to decide if the person is still disabled. If the person is determined no longer disabled, SSA will stop the benefits.</p> <p>This review is called a Continuing Disability Review (CDR). The law requires SSA to perform a medical CDR approximately every 3 years, unless they determine a person to have a condition that they expect will improve sooner than that. However, if a person has a condition that is not expected to improve, SSA will still review the case, but not as often as every 3 years.</p> <p>More information about Redeterminations and Continuing Disability Reviews can be found at http://www.ssa.gov/ssi/text-redets-ussi.htm</p>