

Disabled Adult Children (DAC)



Eligibility Group Requirements*: An individual who was receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits and who meets the following:

- Is at least 18 years of age;
- Has blindness or a disability which began before the age of 22;
- Has been receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) based on blindness or disability; and
- Has lost Supplemental Security Income (SSI) due to the receipt of Social Security benefits on a parent's record due to the retirement, death or disability of a parent.

*If the person meets **all** of the above criteria, s/he may qualify as Disabled Adult Child (DAC). This designation comes from the Social Security Administration. It allows the County Welfare Agency not to count this benefit. Eligibility for Medicaid will continue as long as the person is determined blind or disabled. However, if the person receives income from another source or exceeds the resource limits, s/he may become ineligible for Medicaid coverage.

What should an individual do if s/he loses SSI benefits and Medicaid coverage because of receiving Social Security Disabled Adult Child (DAC) benefits resulting in income exceeding the SSI income limit?

You should have received a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) verifying that you are eligible for DAC status. If you have not received this letter or no longer have this letter, have your Social Security Representative Payee call 1-800-772-1213 (available Monday – Friday from 7am to 7 pm) to request a ***“Benefit Award Letter for a person with a developmental disability receiving Social Security benefits as a Disabled Adult Child or Disabled Dependent Child for an individual who received SSI in the past.”***





To obtain Medicaid Eligibility for individuals applying who are expected to be enrolled on the Community Care Waiver (CCW):

You will need to complete the Medicaid Only-Community Care Waiver application that is sent to you and provide the necessary documents, including the letter from the SSA verifying that you are eligible for DAC status for consideration of Medicaid eligibility under the DAC status.

To obtain Medicaid Eligibility for individuals who are expected to eventually be enrolled on the Supports Program:

You must contact your County Welfare Agency for an appointment to apply for the Medicaid. You will need to complete the Medicaid Only application, and provide the necessary documents, including the letter from the SSA verifying that you are eligible for DAC status for consideration of Medicaid eligibility under the DAC status, to the County Welfare Agency.



If you have any questions or any difficulty obtaining Medicaid for an individual who has DAC status, please do not hesitate to contact your DDD Regional Office and ask to speak with your Case Manager. You may also email any questions to: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/services/medicaideligibility.html>