New Mexico Human Services Department

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TO: ISD AND MAD STAFF

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SUBJECT: FORM MAD 299, DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES REFERRAL

GENERAL INFORMATION

The New Mexico Medical Assistance Division contracts with the New Mexico Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to determine disability for New Mexico Medicaid applicants. Disability Determination Adjudicator's (DDA) make disability determinations for those not yet determined disabled by the Social Security Administration (SSA); denied disability by SSA due to the applicant meeting Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA); or the re-review date for disability redetermination has come about.

On July 30, 2006, Medical Assistance Division (MAD) revised form MAD 299 and issued to all necessary staff via MAD-MR:06-13. Forms issued prior to this date continue to be used. From this day forward only use the attached, updated form MAD 299 to request DDA services. Please be sure to complete each and every box with current and accurate information. Refer to Page 2 of the form MAD299 for complete procedures, instructions, and where to forward relevant medical information for a disability determination.

The form allows the Income Support Division (ISD) Financial Assistance Analysts (FAA) to provide all required information to the DDA which will result in an accurate disability decision. Failure to follow the above process will delay a timely disability determination decision.

Please direct questions regarding this material to Orlando Vasquez at <u>Orlando.vasquez@state.nm.us</u>, (505) 476-6814, Mark Lailes at <u>mark.lailes@state.nm.us</u>, (505) 476-6868, or Felicia Halford at <u>felicia.halford@state.nm.us</u>, (505) 827-3173.

Attachment

DISABILITY DETERMINAT SERVICES REFERRAL Medical Assistance Division			ATTACHED: MAD 093 / Medical Release Medical Reports Previous MAD 299 Current SDX/BENDEX		
Applicant's Name		Date of Birth	САТ	GEO - ADM	Application Date
Address Teleph		ne Number	Social Se	ecurity Number	
City, State & Zip		Pending S	nding SSI: Receiving SSI:		
A. Authorized Services					
Initial Determination		ion [M WDI (Working Disabled Individuals)		
Redetermination (Re-Examination)		Fair Hearing Date of Onset			
B. Applicant Information					
Nature of Disability Other Source(s) of Medical information (hospital, nursing home, clinic etc.):					
Name of Primary Physician					
Primary Physician's Complete Address					
Education: Training - T Highest Level Completed	Technical or Vocatio	onal - <i>(if any)</i> :			
DVR Services (Division of Vocational Rehabilitation): Currently Receiving O Yes O No					
Currently Receiving O Yes O No Previously Received O Yes O No From: To: To:					
Referred O Yes O No Date:					
Employment: (Background & Current Status)					
Can Applicant Travel	Comments/O	bservations:			
Does Applicant Speak English					
Name of Applicant's Representative Addr (Please print)		dress Telephone Numb			Telephone Number
(1.0000 p.1.1.)	City, State &	City, State & Zip			
FAA (Caseworker) Signature, Worker # Telephone # & Extention Date Signed					
C. DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES - REPORT TO INCOME SUPPORT DIVISION					
Individual Determined Disabled? Yes No Blind? Yes No Diagnosis:					
Remarks:					
Date of Onset Date of Re-E	.xam	Adjudica	tor's Sign	ature	Date Signed

MAD 299 Revised 7-06 (replaces ISD305) Page 1/2 (Page 2 instructions must also be duplicated when duplicating page 1)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAD 299 DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES REFERRAL

PURPOSE

This form is used by Income Support Division (ISD) workers to authorize the Disability Determination Unit (DDU) at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to provide services regarding a disability determination to establish eligibility under the Institutional Care, Home and Community Based Services Waivers, Working Disabled Individuals and retroactive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicaid benefits.

PROCEDURES

Part A: DDU can be authorized to provide the following services:

- Initial Determination of blindness or disability, when the Social Security Administration (SSA) has not made a determination.
- **<u>Reconsideration</u>** of an adverse determination by DDU that resulted in (1) an application being denied, and/or (2) a request was made for a fair hearing (see *Fair Hearing* below).
- <u>Working Disabled Individuals (WDI)</u> Checking this box will flag DDU and allow for correct adjudication to be made/determined. New Mexico adjudicator's do not take into consideration if an individual with a disability is working or not. This may allow for a better chance for an individual with a disability to be found disabled.
- <u>**Re-determination**</u> of blindness or disability when (1) DDU has indicated "date of re-exam" on a prior determination, or (2) the individual's medical condition has improved to the extent that he/she may no longer meet the definition of "blind" or "disabled" as outlined in policy.
- **Fair Hearing** should be requested only after *reconsideration* has been completed/denied. An applicant whose initial request for determination was denied also has the right to request a fair hearing without *reconsideration*.
- **Date of Onset** of blindness or disability when (1) the individual has requested retroactive Medicaid in the allowed categories, and (2) the individual meets all other eligibility conditions for the retroactive months.

Part B: Applicant Information:

The ISD worker must complete this part entirely and with adequate information to assist DDU in its determination. If sections are not applicable, N/A should be noted.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS

The following materials should be attached to the MAD 299:

- 1) A request for and Consent to Release Medical Information (MAD 093) or page 5 of the Application/Redetermination of Eligibility for Medical Assistance of Aged, Blind and Disabled Individuals.
- Copies of any/all available medical reports, from the applicant/recipient. If no medical reports are attached, it is
 particularly important to provide the names of all physicians, hospitals, etc., from whom the applicant/recipient has
 received services.
- 3) Copy of current SDX or BENDEX.
- 4) For redetermination, submit prior MAD 299 (if applicable).

ROUTING

The original MAD 299 and copies of all relevant documentation as noted above are sent to DDU via:

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

435 St Michael's Drive, Bldg. D

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

ATTN: Disability Determination Unit

Copies of MAD 299 and all information sent to DDU are kept in the case record.

DDU will return the original MAD 299 to the FAA (caseworker) when a determination is made. The MAD 299 is to be filed in the case record in the local Income Support Division office.

<u>RETENTION:</u> Permanent.