

IMPORTANT NOTICE

RE: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Each year, DPW must assess whether individual Medical Assistance recipients continue to meet the financial eligibility requirements. DPW has directed the County Assistance Offices to review in the next month the files of thousands of Medical Assistance recipients whose time for re-evaluation of eligibility is overdue. **Individuals who do not comply with the strict timelines in this process will have their Medical Assistance benefits -- including Waiver services -- terminated.**

There are two groups of Medical Assistance beneficiaries who are at risk:

- ▶ Individuals who *previously* received a notice of renewal that requested information about their financial eligibility.

- ▶ Individuals who are overdue for eligibility reviews, but who were not sent a notice by DPW.

Individuals who previously received notices from DPW of renewals and did not return their paperwork will be sent new notices that their Medical Assistance benefits will be terminated in **15 days**. **To maintain benefits they will have to file a notice of appeal within 13 days of the date of the notice and request aid pending appeal.**

DPW will be sending notices of renewal to individuals who are overdue for eligibility reviews and who were not previously sent notices. DPW will give those individuals **only 10 days** to submit the requested financial information. If the information is not submitted within 10 days, those individuals' Medical Assistance benefits will be terminated with 15-days' notice. Anyone getting a notice of termination can maintain benefits by filing an appeal within 13 days. **It is critical that individuals timely submit the renewal form and the requested information within 10 days.** Supports Coordinators and providers should assist individuals with disabilities to complete the renewal form and gather the requested documentation (including the most recent bank statement, cash value of life insurance, and any other resources that might have changed in the last year), and make sure that it is timely provided to DPW so that the individuals do not lose essential Medical Assistance benefits.