

Clarification/Correction to questions:

**Question:** Does a person have to have SSI or SSDI to be eligible for the Health Benefits for Workers with Disabilities program?

**Answer:** -see: <https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=34903> Person must have a disability. A person who has not already been found to have a disability, according to SSA/SSI standards, must have a disability determination by the Client Assessment Unit (CAU). The person's earnings will not be considered in the CAU disability determination.

Information about the Illinois Client Assessment Unit:

<https://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=13401>

**Question:** A person with a disability applying for Medicaid, not receiving SSI -How/when so they connect with the Client Assessment Unit at HFS?

**Answer:** If the customer has not been deemed disabled by the SSA then the Client Assessment Unit at HFS must be contacted.

Usual process: The customer submits all verification to the Local Office. The Local Office sends all relative info to the CAU. When CAU makes a determination, they send the results back to the Local Family Community Resource Center (i.e. public aid office). The CAU process happens during the application phase. It could also happen after the redetermination process if the customer is found to be ineligible for ACA . All decisions (either way) Are sent to the customer via US mail (centrally sent w/in 7-10days)The 45 day clock for completion of Medicaid applications stops when DHS needs to request additional verification or if the Client Assessment Unit needs to make a determination.

**Question:** For purposes of SNAP eligibility, is parental income included after age 22?

**Answer:** It depends. As long as the individual with a disability is income eligible and buys his own food and prepares his meals separately through the help of his caregiver, he would be eligible for SNAP when he turns 22. A caregiver is not counted in the SNAP household. Source: Special Needs Alliance

**Question:** Do all bills being applied to a Spenddown have to be from providers/vendors/pharmacies currently enrolled in Medicaid?

**Answer:** No. The bills for spenddown, don't need to be for Medicaid covered services. They would need to be prescribed by a Dr.