

3405. CHANGES DUE TO WELFARE REFORM

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-193) contains provisions that affect Medicaid through its link to SSI.

A. Change in SSI Payment.--This Act requires that SSI payments generally may only begin as of the first day of the month following (1) the date the application is filed, or if later, (2) the date the person first meets all eligibility factors.

B. Medicaid Eligibility.--If you have an agreement with the Social Security Administration under §1634 of the Act for determining Medicaid eligibility, or if you provide Medicaid to all SSI recipients (and have not exercised the §209(b) option), the individual is entitled to Medicaid when he or she receives SSI. If the individual meets the eligibility requirements for any optional group covered under your plan during the period of time between the date of application and the month SSI begins payment, you must provide Medicaid to the individual for that period of time.