

Policy Clarifications – Medicaid – All – PMA17421304

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Subject: Non-Completion of the Health Screening at Application

Question: Can an application with a pended health screening be rejected if the client fails to return the health screening within the 18-day timeframe?

Response By: Division of Health Services

Date:

No. The health screening is not a condition of eligibility and an applicant should not be denied based on failure to complete or return the screening.

If the applicant fails to complete the health screening within the 18-day timeframe, the screening is considered "Skipped". Caseworkers should choose "Skipped" on the "Healthy PA" screen and continue processing using existing policy and procedures.

If the individual later submits the paper health screening, it would be considered a "Raise Your Hand" request and caseworkers should follow the "Raise Your Hand" process that is outlined in [OPS Memo 15-01-02](#).