

Policy Clarifications –

Medicaid

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: DAP/MRT Referral for Disabled Child

Question:

When reviewing PH95 eligible children for potential SSI eligibility to determine if a DAP vs MRT referral is appropriate, are we to compare the parental income to the Federal Benefit Rate or the parental deeming chart found at SSA.gov? MAH 315.2 is not clear, and the income amounts are vastly different resulting in the potential loss of federal benefits if not correctly evaluated.

Response By: Division of Family Assistance/DHS

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The CAO shall determine whether a DAP vs MRT referral is appropriate based on the child's Medical Assistance (MA) category. A disabled child must be evaluated for all other MA categories prior to reviewing for PH95 eligibility. If the child is not eligible for any other MA category due to parental income, PH 95 is evaluated and accompanied with an MRT referral. If the child qualifies for any other MA category (based on income eligibility), a DAP referral would be completed for the potential Federal benefit determination. (MAEH 315.2; SH 820)

The parental deeming chart found on SSA.gov is used to determine if a disabled child may be eligible for SSI benefits. However, this chart is only used in states which do NOT supplement the Federal benefit for children. Pennsylvania is not included on the chart as it does administer the State supplement for children.