

Revised - Policy Clarifications

Medicaid – All - PMA-19676-316 Supplemental – Other- PO-19676-820

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: Medical Review Team (MRT)

Question: Are all of the “Reasons for Referral” listed on the MRT Transmittal Form (PA 749) considered a valid disability certification for all Medical Assistance (MA) programs?

Response by: Division of Health Services

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Yes. An MRT disability certification is a valid disability certification for all MA programs, no matter the reason for referral selected on the PA 749. There are different referral options because:

- Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) is not considered for MA Card Only and Medical Assistance for Workers with Disability (MAWD). SGA is considered for Pursuing SSI/SSDI – Regular DAP case.
- The MRT generates a different type of disability report for each reason for referral.

The ‘Reason for Referral’ options on the PA 749 and their descriptions are:

1. **Pursuing SSI/SSDI – Regular DAP Case:** This reason is to be used for an individual that is actively pursuing Social Security Administration (SSA) benefits. They are appealing a denial and seeking the advice of the MRT for building a case that will meet SSA approval.
2. **Medical Card Only – Child:** This reason is to be used for a child that is under the age of 18 and not eligible for SSA benefits due to household income/resources. For example, a PH95 child.
3. **Medical Card Only – Adult:** This reason is to be used for an individual that is not eligible for SSA benefits due to a reason other than disability.
4. **MAWD:** This reason is to be used for an individual requesting only MAWD.

NOTE: Once a child turns 18, they will need to follow the procedures listed in MAEH 315.81 and will require a disability determination from the SSA or a new MRT-Adult certification.

For more information, please see the [DAP Referral Desk Guide](#) and the [MRT Statewide Procedures](#).