

DISABILITY DETERMINATIONS **for SSI-RELATED MEDICAID**

What is the definition of disability?

Access Florida uses the Social Security Administration's definition of disability:

- *The inability to engage in substantial gainful activity due to any medically determinable physical or mental condition which can be expected to last for a period of at least twelve consecutive months.*
- *will die within 6 months if a terminal condition runs its normal course*

Who can determine if an individual is disabled?

- *The Social Security Administration,*
- *The Department of Disability Determinations (DDD) or*
- *The District Medical Review Team (DMRT)*

Who must be determined to be disabled for SSI-Related Medicaid?

- *Anyone under age 65 who has not already been determined to be disabled as noted above.*
- *Anyone over age 65 or older who needs to be determined disabled as a financial factor of eligibility.*

When is the DDD process used to determine disability?

Disability determinations for Community MEDS-AD, Medically Needy, Emergency Medicaid for Aliens, and retroactive Medicaid for SSI recipients are processed through DDD.

When is the DMRT process used to determine disability?

Disability determinations for ICP, OSS and HCBS cases are processed through DMRT. Mixed coverage cases, such as Medically Needy transitioning to ICP, can be processed through either DDD or DMRT.

Are there any situations in which disability can be established by another means?

- *Terminal Prognosis can substitute for a disability determination if the individual is applying for Hospice.*
- *The Level of Care can substitute for a disability determination if the individual is applying for PAC HCBS Waiver or DS HCBS Waiver.*