

ALERT DATE: April 9, 2020

This e-mail is being sent to professionals who are interested in receiving benefits updates regarding older adults and people with disabilities.

Hello! I have a few more updates for you. This one is related to the waiving of certain verifications for medical applications and the delay of medical redeterminations. I will be sending out an e-mail on SNAP later today (just a warning ☺). I really think it is important to keep you informed.

Verification Requirements for New and Pending Medical Applications

Effective immediately, self-attestation will be accepted for all new and pending medical applications when electronic verification is not available and includes the following:

- Income
- Illinois residency
- Insured status
- Incurred medical expenses (can be used for active cases to meet spenddown, pending/new applications)

Assets are disregarded at this time due to the COVID-19 Emergency Declaration.

It is very important that you complete all questions on the application in order to ensure that the application is approved quickly and will not require verifications. An application may be delayed if a question is left blank and no electronic verification can be found .

The application may also be delayed if the information provided on the application is markedly different than the information found during the electronic verification. For instance, the client reports that his income is \$1,050 per month. The electronic verification reports the clients' income is \$2,500 a month. The income amount is much greater than the income standard. This will cause a delay in the application being approved as additional steps will have to be taken to process the application.

For more information, go to <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123433> .

Delay of Medical Redeterminations

Effective immediately, medical cases will no longer be closed for failing to respond to a redetermination or due to a certification period ending. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has authorized this delay to continue until the Emergency Declaration has ended. For more information, go to <http://www.dhs.state.il.us/page.aspx?item=123322> .