

Applying for Social Security

There are 2 main requirements with regards to Social Security that all LTC Medicaid recipients must meet:

1. An individual must meet the Federal Social Security Administration's definition of disability.
2. An individual must apply for Social Security benefits.

These requirements may look different, depending on the Medicaid recipient's age.

Adults: All adults must complete a full application for Social Security benefits. Please see *The Guide to Applying for Social Security Benefits* for more detailed information about the application process.

If an adult is denied Social Security based on disability, then they should immediately appeal. In Colorado, the first step to filing an appeal is putting in a formal request for a hearing. Please see the guide for more information about this.

Children:

1. **Receiving Social Security Benefits:** If the family has applied for and been awarded SSI benefits, then no further action is necessary with regards to Social Security. Members of the Developmental Pathways Intake Team will need to see proof of Social Security before an enrollment can begin.
2. **Children without Social Security Benefits:** If the child's family will not qualify financially for Social Security Benefits, they will need to do 2 things in order to meet the requirements for LTC Medicaid. More details about each step will be provided prior to your child's enrollment.
 - Contact Social Security and request an informal SSI denial letter.
 - Complete a Medicaid Disability Application. If it is needed, the application will be provided to you at the time that you have accepted the CES enrollment. You may also have to complete a Medicaid application at that time as well.