

MEDICAID DISABILITY MANUAL

a purchased examination. If the A/R's treating source(s) requests payment to complete the "Medical Report for Determination of Disability" (DSS-486T) or to provide available medical records, the local agency must pay for the information, if appropriate.

If the A/R objects to being examined by a designated physician or psychologist, and there is a good reason for the objection (e.g., language barrier, travel restrictions, a previous examination for disability which was unfavorable), the exam should be scheduled with another physician/psychologist, whenever practical.

Medical examinations, including psychiatric and psychological examinations, X-rays, and laboratory tests (such as pulmonary function tests, electrocardiograms, blood tests, etc.) may be purchased from a licensed physician, psychologist, hospital or clinic. However, tests which entail significant risk to the A/R, such as myelograms, arteriograms, or cardiac catheterizations, may not be required for the evaluation of disability.

As with any item of evidence in the case record, consultative examination reports will be reviewed for accuracy and completeness, internal consistency, and consistency with the rest of the case record.

(2) **Cost of consultative examinations**

- (a) The cost of the completion of medical forms, diagnostic tests, examination(s), and consultation(s) necessary to document disability shall be paid by the local agency.

However, the local agency will not pay for any medical examination and/or test arranged by the A/R or his/her representative without the local agency's request. In order for a local agency to pay for an examination or completion of Form DSS-486, Form 901 ("Authorization for Medical Examination and Payment Request") should be completed and signed by agency personnel. (See Exhibit 11.)

- (b) Such costs shall be subject to reimbursement as an administrative expense whether or not the A/R is subsequently determined disabled. Federal financial participation shall be claimed for such expenditure even if the individual is subsequently determined not disabled.