

MEDICAID DISABILITY MANUAL

- b. Individuals who meet the statutory definition of blindness.
- c. Deceased individuals - Deceased individuals are categorically eligible as disabled in the month of death. Therefore, disability reviews should be performed on Medicaid S/CC-related clients who die as well as in instances when an application is filed on behalf of a deceased individual. Disability status for months prior to the month of death depends upon whether the individual met the disability criteria **set forth** in this manual for prior time periods.
- d. Grandfathered cases - Individuals who were determined disabled prior to January 1, 1974 under the Assistance to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD) program for whom there was no interruption in their eligibility are eligible based on the medical criteria in effect at the time of the initial review.

Recipients determined disabled as a Group II prior to January 1, 1974 shall have their continuing eligibility determined on the basis of the medical criteria in effect at time of initial review. However, when there is a break in eligibility for any length of time, the individual loses his/her "grandfather" status and the case would have to be reviewed under the disability standards contained in this manual.

Group I recipients who were determined Group I under the AABD program and have no break in eligibility shall continue to be categorically related to disability. An exception would be if the recipient had significant medical improvement to the point where the recipient is no longer disabled.

2. **Derivative Eligibility**

- a. The following individuals shall not require a determination of disability by the Disability Review Team:
 - (1) Individuals verified in receipt of or eligible for an Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance (OASDI) benefit under Title II of the Social Security Act as disabled or blind shall be considered disabled or blind for Medicaid purposes.
 - (2) Individuals verified as eligible for SSI as disabled or blind under Title XVI of the Social Security Act shall be