

MEDICAID DISABILITY MANUAL

The steps are as follows:

- a. If the individual is engaging in substantial gainful activity and has completed any applicable trial work period, he/she will be determined not disabled.
- b. If the individual is not engaging in substantial gainful activity and the individual's current impairment(s) or combination of impairments meets or equals a listing in Appendix I, disability shall be found to continue.
- c. If there has been medical improvement as defined on Policy 50, the procedures in Step (d) below are followed.
- d. If the individual is found to have had medical improvement, it must be determined whether this medical improvement is related to the individual's ability to do work. This is in accordance with Policy 50 (i.e., whether or not there has been an increase in the residual functional capacity based on the individual's impairment(s) that was present at the time of the most recent favorable medical determination). If medical improvement is not related to the individual's ability to work, the procedures in Step (e) below are followed. If medical improvement is related to the individual's ability to do work, the procedures in Step (f) below are followed.
- e. If there has been no medical improvement or if the medical improvement is not related to the individual's ability to work, the Disability Review Team shall determine whether any of the exceptions apply. One of the following steps shall be taken:
 - (1) If none of the exceptions apply, the individual will continue to be found disabled.
 - (2) If one of the first group of exceptions to medical improvement applies, the procedures in Step (f) below are followed.
 - (3) If one of the second group of exceptions applies, the individual will be found not disabled. The second group of exceptions to medical improvement may be considered at any point in this process.