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Chapter 688 and DDS Adult Eligibility

Eligibility determination from an adult agency, such as DDS, is part of the Chapter 688 process. Since adult eligibility for DDS is at 18 years of age, it is always best to be as prepared as possible. Having the required documentation available when applying is an important step in this process.

The applicant or guardian is responsible for obtaining all relevant information needed to determine eligibility and must make every reasonable effort to ensure that the information is received by DDS in a timely manner. When all information is gathered and assessments completed, the Regional Eligibility Team Psychologist conducts a review and makes the determination decision after conferring with members of the Eligibility Team.

Attached you will find a list of information that is will be helpful in order to process the application for eligibility. Your child may not have had all these assessments, but collect what you have and have copies ready when applying. Please remember that assessments before the age of 18 are critical for determination.

As your child turns 17, their 18th birthday happens very quickly, so it is best to begin collecting the copies of the information as early as possible.

For more information, please go to the DDS website (www.mass.gov/DDS) → Spectrum of Services → For Adults → How to Apply for Services

Testing

- Psychological/IQ tests (all)
- Adaptive Behavior assessments (Vineland ABS, ABAS, etc.)
- Early Intervention assessments

Medical History

- Doctor's reports
- Medication
- Assessments: hearing, vision, behavior, neurologist, geneticist, etc.
- Developmental Evaluations
- Statement of diagnosis/diagnoses
- Admission/discharge summaries from hospitalizations (medical or psychiatric)
- Counseling/Therapists records

Educational history

- IEP (current and most recent 3-year re-evaluation)
- Assessments
- Progress reports

Legal documents

- Guardianship
- Rogers (if over 18)

Copy of Social Security card

Copy of Health Insurance card

- Private (both sides)
- Medicaid
- Medicare

Copy of birth certificate

Names and addresses of current providers