MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

DISABILITY DETERMINATION NOTICE OF ACTION

In deciding whether your illness or injury is disabling, the State Review Team (SRT) used the medical and social evidence you presented. SRT used the Federal Disability rules found on the back of this form. After careful review of this evidence, the SRT is unable, for Federal Medical Assistance purposes, to find you disabled. Enclosed is a SRT Medical, Vocational, Educational Assessment stating the reason(s) for the decision.

If you do not agree with this decision, you have the right to request a HEARING. You also have the right to re-apply.
STATE REVIEW TEAM DECISION ON DISABILITY

- The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.09.24.05E(2)(c) provides that the State Review Team (SRT) is to decide if you are disabled for the purpose of getting Medical Assistance as a disabled person.

- The definition of disabled appears at COMAR 10.09.24.02B(19). It reads as follows:

  “Disabled” means the inability to perform any substantial gainful activity by reason of a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death, or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

- In making the determination about whether you are disabled within the meaning of the above regulation, SRT is authorized by the Maryland “State Plan” and Single State Agency provisions to apply Social Security Disability standards as set forth at 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 431.1 and 431.10. The State Plan mandates that the State use the same definition of disability as used by the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program, and fulfill all the requirements of 42 CFR 435.540 and 435.541.

- Single State Agency requirements provide for designation of a State agency that will control or supervise the Medicaid program. In Maryland, the single State Agency is the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). DHMH and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) have entered into an agreement delegating the responsibility and authority for making Federal Medical Assistance disability determinations to the SRT.

- The Social Security Disability standards used by SRT are found at 20 CFR 416.901. The SRT decision in your case is based on criteria under the Social Security Listing of Impairments found at 20 CFR 404, Subpart P, Appendix 1.

- You have the right to reapply for Medical Assistance at your Local Department of Social Services at any time.