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422 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

This chapter explains the Social Security number requirements for the APA and Medicaid programs.

422-1 APA REQUIREMENTS

A Social Security number is not an eligibility requirement for the APA program, unless needed to meet the APA development of income requirement.

For example, a widow must apply for Social Security survivor benefits. To receive survivor benefits, she must either have a Social Security number or apply for one. If she refuses to provide or apply for a Social Security number as part of the application process for the survivor benefits, she is not eligible for APA benefits because she did not take all steps necessary to receive the survivor benefits.

422-2 MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS

A Social Security number <u>is</u> an eligibility requirement for Medicaid. To be eligible for Medicaid, an individual must either provide a Social Security number or show that he or she has applied for one.

If an individual does not provide a Social Security number or show that he or she has applied for one, eligibility for Medicaid does not exist. However, the individual may be eligible to receive cashonly benefits from the APA program.

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