

TITLE 477 MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY

CHAPTER 8 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

~~CHAPTER 8-000 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER~~

001. SCOPE AND AUTHORITY. These regulations govern the services provided under Nebraska's Medicaid program as defined by the Medical Assistance Act, Nebraska Revised Statute § 68-901 et seq.

~~8-004~~ **002. REQUIREMENT OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN):** Each applicant for or recipient of Nebraska Medicaid is required, as a condition of eligibility, to:

- (A) Furnish his or her Social Security number (SSN); or
- (B) Apply for a Social Security number (SSN) with the Social Security Administration (SSA), if one has not been issued or is not known.

- ~~1. Furnish his/her Social Security number (SSN); or~~
- ~~2. Apply for an SSN with the Social Security Administration (SSA), if one has not been issued or is not known.~~

~~The SSN, in conjunction with other information, provides evidence of identity of the individual.~~

~~8-002~~ **003. EXCEPTIONS TO REQUIREMENT OF AN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN):** If an applicant/client refuses to obtain an SSN for a well-established religious objection, the The Department may assign the individual a unique Medicaid identification number as an alternative to an individual who:-

- (A) Is not eligible to receive a Social Security number (SSN);
- (B) Does not have a Social Security number (SSN) and may only be issued a Social Security number (SSN) for a valid non-work reason; or
- (C) Refuses to obtain a Social Security number (SSN) because of well-established religious objections. A well-established religious objection means the applicant or client:
 - (i) Is a member of a recognized religious group or division of the group; and
 - (ii) Adheres to the tenets or teachings of the group or division of the group, and for that reason is conscientiously opposed to applying for or using a national identification number.

~~8-002.01 Well-Established Religious Objection: An individual~~

- ~~1. Is a member of a recognized religious group or division of the group; and~~
- ~~2. Adheres to the tenets or teachings of the group or division of the group, and for that reason is conscientiously opposed to applying for or using a national identification number.~~

~~8-003~~ **004. APPLICATION FOR AN SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (SSN):** An applicant who has not previously applied for an Social Security number (SSN) shall be given ninety (90) days from the date of application to verify that he/ or she has submitted an application with the Social Security Administration (SSA). An applicant shall not be eligible after the ninety (90)-day period unless verification of the application is received.

~~8-004~~ **005. ASSISTANCE PENDING VERIFICATION:** After the applicant/ or client/beneficiary has been referred to the Social Security Administration (SSA), if s/he is otherwise eligible, assistance shall not be delayed, denied, or discontinued pending the verification or assignment of an Social Security number (SSN).

~~8-005~~ **006. APPLICATION FOR A NEWBORN:** An Social Security number (SSN) is not an eligibility requirement through the month a child turns one (1) if Nebraska Medicaid paid for the birth.

~~8-006~~ **007. INDIVIDUALS NOT SEEKING MEDICAID:** An individual not seeking Medicaid assistance shall not be required to provide or apply for an Social Security number (SSN).

DRAFT