

9505.0085 RIGHT TO APPLY; MAKING APPLICATION.

Subpart 1. **Applying for medical assistance.** Any person or the person's authorized representative may apply for medical assistance at the local agency in the county of the person's residence, or in the county of the authorized representative's residence, or in the county of financial responsibility. The local agency that receives a request for medical assistance from an individual either by telephone or in person shall inform the individual of the eligibility factors and requirements and the procedure for making a written application. The local agency shall inform the individual that he or she has a right to apply for medical assistance, regardless of the agency's informal assessment as to the likely eligibility of the individual. The application must be completed by the applicant or the applicant's authorized representative, on the application form prescribed by the department. A local agency shall not require an individual to appear at the local agency for an interview or to submit verification of eligibility factors before the date when the individual submits the completed application form. The local agency shall accept the application and provide the applicant with information about the eligibility factors. The date of the application shall be as defined in part 9505.0015, subpart 5. An applicant may apply for eligibility consideration of up to three calendar months prior to the month of application.

Subp. 2. **Application by authorized representative.** A person who is incapable of completing the application or providing the information and verifications required for the determination of eligibility for the medical assistance program may authorize a representative. If the person is incapable of authorizing a representative, another individual may assume authorized representative status if the individual has access to needed information, is able to verify eligibility factors, and agrees in writing to assume the responsibilities of the applicant and recipient as set forth in parts 9505.0070 to 9505.0130 and Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.08. The local agency has the right to remove an authorized representative who does not perform the required duties. If no qualified individual is available to act as authorized representative, the local agency shall appoint a social service professional to serve in that role.

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