



## **PO 105.3: Aid to the Aged, Blind, or Disabled (AABD)**

AABD is a program for individuals. The AABD cash program provides money to people who qualify. The program is based on Federal guidelines. A person must prove they qualify and cooperate with program requirements.

An AABD cash person receives a MediPlan card for help with their medical needs. When they need medical service they show the MediPlan Card to the doctor, hospital, drug store, clinic, etc. A medical provider who is approved to participate in the medical program has agreed to accept payment from DPA and send the bill to DPA.

**AABD(A)** helps people who are at least age 65. The **category designator** for these cases is **01**.

**AABD(B)** helps people who have been found blind, as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The **category designator** for these cases is **02**.

**AABD(D)** helps people who have been found disabled, as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA). The **category designator** for these cases is **03**.

A person who is financially eligible can receive AABD when they are denied SSI because of income and are at least 65 years of age or have been found blind or disabled by our Department.

AABD cash is for:

- A person who received AABD cash from the State on December 31, 1973. These cases are called "grandfathered" AABD cases. The Federal cash program, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), took these cases over on January 1, 1974. "Grandfathered" people may or may not receive SSI. DHS gives them cash under the AABD program to supplement their income.
- A person who meets the Social Security Administration's definition of aged, blind, or disabled. The person must be receiving SSI or have been denied SSI due to income. If they were denied SSI due to income, they must be found blind or disabled by DHS. If they don't receive enough income to meet basic needs, DHS gives them AABD cash.
- A person who is a noncitizen, age 65 or older, who meets the citizenship/immigration requirements for medical assistance and was legally residing in the U.S. on 08/22/96, and who has been denied SSI due to a finding of "not disabled." If they don't receive enough income to meet basic needs, DHS gives them AABD cash.

