

441—91.3(249A) Eligibility determination. The department shall determine eligibility for the Medicare drug subsidy pursuant to Section 1860D-14 of the Social Security Act and implementing federal regulations at 20 CFR Part 418. The department shall base decisions with respect to initial and ongoing eligibility primarily on information furnished by the applicant or recipient.

91.3(1) Cooperation. An applicant must cooperate with the department in the application process. Cooperation may include providing additional information or verification of information, participating in an interview, or signing documents. Failure to cooperate in the application process shall be a basis for denial of an application.

91.3(2) Additional information and verification. The department shall notify the applicant or recipient in writing of any additional information or verification that is required to maintain or establish eligibility. This notice shall be delivered to the applicant or recipient by personal delivery, mail, or facsimile transmission.

a. The applicant or recipient shall have five working days to supply the information or verification requested by the department. The local office may extend the deadline for a reasonable period when the applicant or recipient is making every effort to secure the required information or verification from a third party but has been unable to do so.

b. Failure of the applicant or recipient to supply the information or verification, or refusal by the applicant or recipient to authorize the department to secure the information or verification from other sources, shall serve as a basis for denial of an application or cancellation or reduction of the Medicare drug subsidy.

91.3(3) Interviews. At the discretion of the local office, an interview with the applicant or recipient may be required when processing the initial application or at the time of any review of eligibility.

a. The department shall notify the applicant or recipient in writing of the date, time, and method of any required interview. This notice shall be delivered to the applicant or recipient by personal delivery, mail, or facsimile transmission. Interviews may be rescheduled at the request of the applicant or recipient without written notice.

b. Failure of the applicant or recipient to participate in a scheduled interview shall serve as a basis for denial of an application or cancellation or reduction of the Medicare drug subsidy.