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DIVISION OF COMMUNITY BASED CARE SERVICES**

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**WHY
SHOULD INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
APPLY FOR MEDICAID?**

Medicaid is a program funded jointly by the Federal and State governments to provide and pay for health and social services for people who have disabilities, are elderly, or have modest incomes. In New Hampshire, individuals may be able to access Medicaid funded services for their developmental disabilities as well as health care needs.

If you seek services from one of New Hampshire's ten Area Agencies and are not enrolled in Medicaid, you will be asked to apply. While application for Medicaid is voluntary and not required to receive Area Agency services, this request is made because the Area Agency may not have sufficient State funds to meet your needs or those of your family member. Medicaid allows available State funds to be matched with Federal funds which increases the Area Agency's capacity to meet your needs. The matching of State and Federal funds through Medicaid enables the Area Agency to:

1. Request approval for funding for the services that you and your family need. For example, if your services are projected to cost \$4,000 and only \$2,000 of State funds is available, under Medicaid those \$2,000 of State funds can be matched with \$2,000 of Federal funds to generate the entire \$4,000 to address all of your needs rather than just half.
2. Double New Hampshire's capacity to assist more individuals and their families when State funds are available. For example, \$4,000 of State funds can be combined with matching Federal funds resulting in \$8,000 to serve two people whose service costs are \$4,000 each.

Thousands of New Hampshire individuals and their families have enrolled in Medicaid and are receiving services for their developmental disability and health care needs. Their participation in Medicaid has enabled the State to provide more services to more people.

If you have questions regarding Medicaid, please contact your local Area Agency staff. They will answer your questions and can also assist you with the Medicaid application forms. You may also call the Bureau of Developmental Services at 1-800-852-3345 Extension 4272 (Karen Kimball) regarding Medicaid related questions pertaining to developmental services. You may also call the Division of Family Assistance at 1-800-852-3345 Extension 4238 for Client Services to access information related to eligibility for Medicaid or financial benefits.