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CATEGORY: DISABILITY DETERMINATION – CONCURRENT DISABILITY /
INCAPACITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

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Summary: Created new manual section detailing the concurrent Disability / Incapacity determination process.

Disability Determination - Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination Process

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Purpose: The Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination process is designed to ensure that ABD / MCS applicants gain access to the highest level of assistance they are eligible to receive.

1. Under the concurrent process, the Department first attempts to obtain medical evidence necessary to determine eligibility for ABD cash assistance identified in [WAC 388-449-0015](#).
 2. If the applicant does not meet ABD disability criteria outlined in [WAC 388-449-0001](#) or fails to provide the medical evidence necessary for the Department to determine ABD eligibility within the 45 day standard of promptness, the Department will consider eligibility for MCS.
 3. Medical evidence necessary to determine MCS eligibility is outlined in [WAC 182-508-0020](#) and [WAC 182-508-0030](#).
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Worker Responsibilities

1. Review available medical records.
2. Request medical records from within the past 5 years associated with potentially disabling impairments.

3. Request a mental health or physical evaluation from an ABD acceptable medical source identified in [WAC 388-449-0010](#) only when current medical records are insufficient to determine ABD eligibility or when the impairment has not been established by an ABD acceptable medical source within the past 5 years.
4. If sufficient medical evidence necessary to determine ABD eligibility is not received within the 45 day standard of promptness or the applicant does not meet ABD disability criteria, consider eligibility for MCS.

NOTE: An exception to the Concurrent Disability / Incapacity Determination process has been granted for applications received on behalf of incarcerated individuals via the 1290 program defined in [RCW 74.09.555](#). If sufficient medical evidence necessary to determine ABD eligibility is not available and the Department has sufficient medical evidence necessary to determine eligibility for MCS, the Disability Specialist will determine MCS eligibility prior to the applicant's date of release whenever possible.