

CHAPTER 8-000 SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

8-001 REQUIREMENT OF A SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: Each applicant for or recipient of Medicaid is required, as a condition of eligibility, to

1. Furnish his/her Social Security number (SSN); or
2. Apply for an SSN with the Social Security Administration (SSA), if one has not been issued or is not known.

The SSN, in conjunction with other information, provides evidence of identity of the individual.

8-002 EXCEPTION TO REQUIREMENT OF AN SSN: If an applicant/client refuses to obtain an SSN for a well-established religious objection, the Department may assign the individual a unique Medicaid identification number as an alternative.

8-002.01 Well-Established Religious Objection: An individual

1. Is a member of a recognized religious group or division of the group; and
2. Adheres to the tenets or teachings of the group or division of the group, and for that reason is conscientiously opposed to applying for or using a national identification number.

8-003 APPLICATION FOR AN SSN: An applicant who has not previously applied for an SSN shall be given ninety (90) days from the date of application to verify that he/she has submitted an application with the SSA. An applicant shall not be eligible after the ninety (90)-day period unless verification of the application is received.

8-004 ASSISTANCE PENDING VERIFICATION: After the applicant/client has been referred to SSA, if s/he is otherwise eligible, assistance shall not be delayed, denied, or discontinued pending the verification or assignment of an SSN.

8-005 APPLICATION FOR A NEWBORN: An SSN is not an eligibility requirement through the month a child turns one (1) if Nebraska Medicaid paid for the birth.

8-006 INDIVIDUALS NOT SEEKING MEDICAID: An individual not seeking Medicaid assistance shall not be required to provide or apply for an SSN.