B Medical Disability Information and Verification

When a participant claims to be disabled, request information that establishes the <u>medical disability</u> and <u>unemployability</u>.

As verification of disability, accept a Medical Statement (FA-196) or other medical verification that includes confirmation by medical personnel of at least one of the following:

- The participant has a medical impairment that is expected to result in death.
- The participant has a continued impairment that has lasted for at least 12 months.
- The participant has an impairment that can be expected to last at least 12 months or longer.
- The participant has any of the medical conditions claimed on the FA-196.

Medical opinions of a participant's disability must be obtained from a licensed Arizona <u>physician</u> currently treating the participant. When the participant does not have a treating physician, immediately assist the participant to complete an application for MA. Request that the participant have their AHCCCS medical provider complete a medical disability determination.

Medical examinations authorized and scheduled by FAA must be limited to situations where the participant is unable to obtain a medical opinion. Medical examinations paid for from GA funds require supervisory approval and must only be scheduled as a last option. (See <u>Scheduling Medical Appointments</u>)