

CIRCULAR

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To: EIA and MSPD Program Managers and Supervisors

Subject: **Applications to Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities and the Disability Impact Assessment**

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This circular outlines policies and processes for applications to Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities (MSPD).

Effective immediately, all information relating to applications to MSPD will be in the MSPD Application Guide (Appendix A). The purpose of this is to integrate information from previous circulars into one document to simplify policy direction and ensure consistency.

The guide contains four parts:

1. MSPD (general program information, including eligibility criteria)
2. Financial Assessment (intake and consent)
3. Disability Impact Assessment (abbreviated processes, submission and adjudication)
4. Implementing Eligibility Decisions (updating files to proper rates and file transfers)

Policy amendment – functional assessments

Effective immediately, functional assessments are no longer a component of the Disability Impact Assessment (DIA) process. If the information provided in the DIA is not sufficient for the adjudicator to provide a recommendation, the adjudicator may recommend the applicant provides additional supporting documents.

Policy update - abbreviated application for Public Guardian and Trustee recipients

Effective December 2024, recipients who have:

- 1) Had a Public Guardian and Trustee appointed for five or more years, **and**
- 2) Have at least one medical assessment on file,

do not need to complete a DIA. The existing medical assessment(s) can be submitted for adjudication.

As these cases will be adjudicated without an updated DIA, they will not be formally denied MSPD. Rather, the existing assessments may not have enough information to substantiate MSPD eligibility. In those situations, recipients may apply again with a DIA.

As more policies are developed or amended, this circular and the guide will be revised.

Please note that all EIA policies, other than where an exception or replacement has been defined, will apply to MSPD.

Attachment: Appendix A) Manitoba Supports for Persons with Disabilities Application Guide