

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

SUBJECT: Client Eligibility - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

EFFECTIVE: This policy circular shall become effective July 1, 1984, and shall be implemented immediately.

PROMULGATED: June 22, 1984

SUPERSEDES: Policy Circular P5.01, promulgated June 27, 1983, and P5.02 and P5.03, promulgated November 28, 1983.

The purpose of this policy circular is to outline specific client eligibility requirements for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired - funded social services. This policy circular supplements Department client eligibility requirements included in Policy Circular P5.01, Client Eligibility.

I. SCOPE

This policy circular applies to all contracted social services funded by the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

II. POLICY AND PROCEDURES

A. Eligibility Criteria

One of the following eligibility criteria must be met in order for an individual to be eligible to receive services. The individual must be:

1. Visually Impaired. An individual is considered visually impaired if his/her vision is 20/70 or less in the better eye with proper corrections, (20/70 means that the person sees at 20 feet what a normally sighted person would see at 70 feet); or
2. Legally Blind. An individual is legally blind if his/her vision is 20/200 or less in the better eye with proper corrections or if there is a field restriction of vision limited to 20 degrees or less, (20/200 means that person sees at 20 feet what a normally sighted person would see at 200 feet); or
3. Multiply Handicapped. An individual is considered multiply handicapped if, in addition to being blind or visually impaired, he/she has at least one additional handicapping condition which interacts and results in

problems so complex that restorative/rehabilitative efforts designed for either handicapping condition will not result in achieving the goal of maximum independent living.

B. Application Procedures

Application for social services provided by the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired shall be made at the Provider Agency.

C. Eligibility Redetermination

Redetermination of eligibility is not required. Once an individual is determined eligible, the service is provided until it is no longer needed.

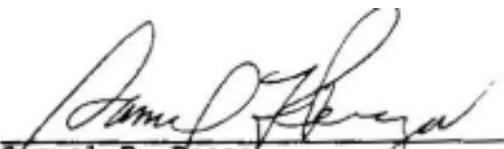
D. Fees

No fees are charged by the Provider Agency to clients receiving services.

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