

1 10A NCAC 23E .0106 is proposed for readoption without substantive changes as follows:

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3 **10A NCAC 23E .0106 BLINDNESS**

4 (a) To qualify for Medicaid under the category of Aid to the Blind, the client shall meet one of the following
5 conditions:

6 (1) ~~Was~~ receiving Medicaid on the basis of blindness in December 1973, ~~has been~~ continuously eligible
7 for Medicaid with no gaps since that ~~date, date~~ and ~~has been~~ determined by the Disability
8 Determination Services Section ~~State disability determination unit~~ to have visual acuity of 20/100
9 in the better eye with correction or visual field limitation in the better eye of 30 percent or less; or

10 (2) ~~Has~~ applied for Medicaid since January 1, 1974 and meets the definition of blindness, vocational,
11 ~~vocational~~ and medical factors applied under the Supplemental Security Income program, pursuant
12 to 20 CFR 404, Subpart P. Program.

13 (b) For clients applying for Medicaid since January 1, 1974, ~~1974~~ blindness shall be determined by one of the
14 following methods:

15 (1) Documentary evidence including SDX, BENDEX, or an award letter that social security benefits,
16 supplemental security ~~income~~ income, or veterans benefits have been awarded on the basis of
17 blindness; or

18 (2) A written decision from the physician consultant of the Division of Services for the Blind based on
19 review of a medical eye examination report.

20 (c) Blindness shall be reverified for clients determined eligible under Paragraph (b) of this Rule at each review of the
21 client's eligibility or when reexamination is recommended by the physician consultant in his or her professional
22 opinion. ~~consultant.~~

23 (d) The client shall cease to qualify for Medicaid as a blind individual when evidence is received from any of the
24 sources described in Paragraphs (a)(1) or (b) of this Rule that the client no longer meets the conditions of blindness
25 set out in this rule and the Medicaid State Plan. ~~definition of blindness.~~

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27 *History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; 108A-54.1B; 20 C.F.R. 404, Subpart P; 42 C.F.R. 435.530; 42 C.F.R.*
28 *435.531;*
29 *Eff. September 1, 1984;*
30 *Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;*
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32 *Readopted Eff. May 1, 2019.*
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