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77 How often will your eligibility be reviewed?

DTA generally reviews ("redetermines") eligibility for most recipients every six months. DTA can review your case sooner than that if it thinks your eligibility may have changed or if the Disability Evaluation Service (DES) decides your disability needs to be reviewed or has changed. 106 C.M.R. § 702.210.

When DTA reviews your case, it can only make you bring in proof of those things that might have changed since the last review. 106 C.M.R. § 702.230. If your disability is being reviewed, you will be sent a medical report for your doctor to fill out **and** a disability supplement for you to fill out. 106 C.M.R. § 702.315. Tell your worker if you need an extension to get the proofs, help filling out forms, or a referral to a doctor.

If you do not get the proofs on time, your worker will send you a notice saying your benefits will stop. However, you still have 30 days from the date of that notice to bring in the proofs and your worker has to reopen your case if the proofs meet the eligibility rules. 106 C.M.R. § 702.240.

You might also be asked to come in for a quality control (QC) review. 106 C.M.R. §§ 701.430, 706.700, 706.710. This is a special review to make sure the local welfare office is following the rules. If you are asked to go to a QC review, you have to go or your worker will stop your benefits.

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If DTA thinks your eligibility has changed, it has to send you an advance notice before it stops or reduces your benefits. 106 C.M.R. §§ 702.500, 343.140. If you ask for a fair hearing right away, your benefits will continue until a referee decides your case. 106 C.M.R. § 702.610. See **Part 7, Appeal Rights**.

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When do you have to report changes?

You have 10 days to report changes that could affect your eligibility. This includes changes in income or assets or who lives with you. 106 C.M.R. § 701.420.