

Disability Determination (DDA): The DDA provides technical assistance to Ohio's 88 counties in the development and review of clinical information for those Ohio persons applying for assistance due to a disabling condition. The DDA is responsible for determining disability for Ohio's Medicaid program using federal guidelines established under 20 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 416.901 through 416.998. Initially, the process begins at all 88 county departments of job and family services (CDJFS) within the State of Ohio. CDJFSs are responsible for taking the disability application, gathering the medical documentation, and submitting the documentation to DDA for a disability determination. Clerks within DDA receive and prepare case files for review by both nurses and Medical Technical Advisors (MTAs). Nurses and MTAs make decisions (approved, denied, or deferred) based on the medical records in these applicant files.