

<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>TEMPORARY DISABILITY ASSISTANCE MANUAL</b>
<b>CHAPTER V: DELIVERY OF ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>COMAR 07.03.05.11</b>
<b>SECTION 2: PAYEE</b>	

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- A. A payee is:
1. The eligible individual;
  2. A judicially appointed legal representative, guardian, trustee, or committee; or;
  3. A representative payee appointed by the local department.
- B. An eligible individual may not be the payee if:
1. The medical diagnosis identifies an active medical condition of alcoholism or drug addiction and;
  2. The recipient is not actively participating in a treatment program or in remission from active substance abuse.
- C. An individual selected as a representative payee may not be:
1. Family Investment Program staff;
  2. An individual with a known substance abuse problem;
  3. An entity that deals with eligible individuals for a profit, which would create a conflict of interest; or
  4. An individual or religious organization that violates the eligible individual's bona fide religious beliefs and practices.
- D. At each application, appropriate supervisory staff must review and approve initial and subsequent decisions and plans for payments to the representative payee appointed by the local department.
- E. Terminate protective payments when they are no longer required.