**BPRO Medicaid/AG Meeting 8-23-18**

**Held at the DARS Central Office**

**Chartoya Newton spoke on Extended Medicaid and provided the following information:**

**Medicaid Expansion is a part of the Affordable Care Act signed into law June 2018; it will begin coverage in Virginia on 1/1/19. It estimates around 400,000 adults between ages 19-64 could be eligible for Medicaid with the new guidelines.**

**The program will provide coverage to a group of individuals ages 19-64 who are not eligible for Medicare and are within 138% of the FPL.**

**The same rules of hierarchy will apply for eligibility. Example, if someone is eligible for LIFC, he will have LIFC coverage prior to MAGI Adults. VaCMS is capable of determining the best category for the client as it currently does.**

**This program will also open up opportunity for incarcerated individuals to be a part of this covered group.**

**Resources for more information on the MAGI Adult program are available through the Extended Medicaid Hub on the Fusion page, and the Cover Virginia website.**

**Jacqueline Weisgarber spoke about Social Security Disability and provided a slide show (attached) and noted these other key points:**

**Everyone is encouraged to apply online at** [**socialsecurity.gov**](https://secure.ssa.gov/iClaim/dib)**for disability, as the process is faster versus calling in or applying in person. The disability determination can take 3-6 months after application. There are different rules for SSI and SSA, and different rules for children. Three months prior to recipients turning 18, they receive a redetermination packet to evaluate them as adults in order to reconsider their eligibility.**

**Applicants have 60 days to appeal a Social Security decision.**

**A program entitled “Ticket to Work” with no cost to clients’ works with companies that can offer employment within individual’s restrictions. There are special rules that apply to this program including countable income from the employment. This employment can provide self-sufficiency, thus making some clients ineligible for Social Security disability.**

**\*\*Reminders to get in Scholarship applications in by 8/31/18 for the Fall Conference, and registration applications for the Fall Conference held in Harrisonburg.**