

**OTDA Hearing Officers Training**  
**OMRDD Revised DD Eligibility**  
**Determination Process**

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OMRDD Eligibility for OMRDD Medicaid Programs**

New York City -- June 16, 2006, 9:30am -12:30pm

Albany -- June 20, 2006, 10:00am - 1:00pm

**AGENDA**

**9:30-10:30 NYC; 10:00-11:00 Albany**

1. Overview of OMRDD Services, then and now
2. Overview of OMRDD Medicaid Funded Services and Eligibility Criteria:

- Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (ICF/MR or ICF/DD)
- Day Treatment
- Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBS)
- Care at Home (CAH III, IV and VI)
- Medicaid Service Coordination (MSC)
- Article 16 Clinic Services

3. OMRDD Definition of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities

10 minute break

**10:30-11:30 NYC; 11:00-12:00 Albany**

4. What Makes a Disability a Developmental Disability?

10 minute break

**11:30-12:30 NYC; 12:00-1:00 Albany**

5. OMRDD DD Eligibility Determination Process
6. Questions and Answers

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2. Clarification of Provisions of the August 2001 Eligibility Advisory
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4. Transmittal for Determination of Developmental Disability
5. Notice of Decision – Termination Of

6. Notice of Decision – Denial of Eligibility for Medicaid Services