

NOTICE FOR:

People Applying For Economic Benefits

(e.g., 3SquaresVT, Essential Person, Fuel Assistance, General/Emergency Assistance, Health Insurance, and Reach Up)

Right To A Timely Decision

You have the right to a decision on your application (including any review) **within 30 days** — with the following exceptions:

- ESD has 90 days to make a decision if you are applying for disability-based Medicaid.
- ESD may take longer than 30 days if a delay is caused by you or an examining physician.

Note: if you apply for 3SquaresVT or General/Emergency Assistance, you may be entitled to a decision right away or within 7 to 10 days. Ask if you qualify for expedited processing.

How to Exercise Your Rights

1) If a decision is not made on your application in the time allowed; or
2) if your benefits are set to close; or 3) if you disagree with a decision, you may:

- Call the Economic Service Division to request a fair hearing:
1-800-479-6151.
- Call Vermont Legal Aid for legal advice and assistance:
1-800-889-2047.