

Transition Timeline

YOU CAN APPLY FOR THESE PROGRAMS AT ANY TIME:

- Medical Assistance- Allow for 3 months for the application to be processed.
- TEFRA (if under 18)- Allow for 3 months for the application to be processed.
- MNChoices- The initial assessment can happen fairly quickly.
- State Medical Review Team (SMRT)- Allow for at least six months for the SMRT review.
- Social Security- Allow for at least 6 months for the initial determination. Parent income included in determination until after 18 years old.

14 YEARS OLD

- PRE-ETS (through Vocational Rehab Services) can help with job skills
- Apply for county services

16 YEARS OLD +

- Can start applying for jobs or volunteering to build your resume
- Your school can make a referral for Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS). The VRS services can help you figure out what you want to do for a job and how to get there.

17 YEARS OLD

- Begin looking at guardianship, conservatorship, or other supported decision-making models

18 YEARS OLD

- You may be eligible to stay in Special Education through the school year you turn 21 years old.
- Apply for a State of MN Identification card if you do not have one yet.
- (Men) Apply for Selective Service
- Apply for Social Security or other government benefits you may be eligible for.

YEAR BEFORE GRADUATION

- If a VRS referral has not been made yet, now is a good time to do so.
- Begin looking at post-secondary or employment options

HOUSING

There are many options for housing:

- Living at home
- Living with roommates
- Living on your own
- Living on your own with supports and staff
- Living at a group home

*Please note that application to any of the mentioned programs does not guarantee acceptance.