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Benefits for Children With Disabilities

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Introduction

(SSDI) benefits. (We call this SSDI benefit a “child’s” benefit because it’s paid on a parent’s Social Security

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments for children with disabilities

Social Security’s definition of disability

Your local Social Security office can tell you more about your state’s total

SSI rules about income and resources

We consider your child's income and is eligible for SSI. We also consider the living in the child's household. These

If your child's income and resources, members living in the child's household, we will deny the child's application for

We limit the monthly SSI payment to \$30

SSI rules about disability

\$1,260 a month in 2020. A child or earning more than \$2,110. (This

conditions, that result in "marked and severe functional limitations." This

seriously limit the child's activities.
The child's condition(s) must have been

Providing information about your child's condition

When you apply for SSI payments for

the child's medical condition and about how it affects the child's ability to perform daily activities. We also will ask you to

have information about your child's

If you have any of your child's medical

What happens next?

We send all of the information you

Services office in your state. Doctors and

request your child's medical and school

If the state agency can't make a disability

or test. We will pay for the exam or test.

We may make immediate SSI payments to your child

The state agency may take three to five

some

Birth weight below 2 pounds, 10 ounces — We evaluate low birth

birth to attainment of age 3. We use the infant's birth weight as documented by an original or certified copy of the infant's birth certificate

decides that your child's disability is not severe enough for SSI, you won't have

SSI disability reviews

After your child starts receiving SSI, the law requires that we review your child's

our criteria. We must do this review:

At least every three years for

medical condition isn't expected to improve by their first birthday, we may

We may perform a disability review even if your child's condition isn't expected to improve. When we do a review,

child's disability still severely limits his

has been receiving treatment that's

What happens when your child turns age 18

payments. For example, we don't count

financial limits for SSI. We count only the adult's and spouse's income and resources. We also use the disability

payments, we must review the child's
18. We usually do this review during
your child's 18th birthday. We will

Even if your child wasn't eligible for

Security Income (SSI)
No. 05-11000)

Supplemental

Social Security Disability Insurance benefits for adults disabled since childhood

(SSDI) program pays benefits to adults

they became 22 years old. We consider this SSDI benefit as a “child’s” benefit because it’s paid on a parent’s Social

to this “child” benefit, one of his or

retirement or disability benefits.

Children who were receiving benefits as a minor child on a parent’s Social

continue receiving benefits on that parent’s record upon reaching age 18 if they are disabled. We make the disability

SSDI disabled adult “child” benefits

disabled adult “child” may affect eligibility for this benefit. Your child doesn’t need to have worked to get these benefits.

How we determine if your “child” is disabled and entitled to SSDI benefits

any adult. We send the application to

*Disability
Benefits* (Publication No. 05-10029)

Applying for SSI payments or SSDI benefits and how you can help

benefits for your child by calling Social
1-800-772-1213
visiting your local Social Security office.

certificate with you. If you are applying
for SSDI benefits for your child based on

claim is being filed.

The child’s Social Security number
and birth certificate.

your child's medical condition(s).

that will help us get your child's

NOTE: *You don't need to request information from your child's doctors. We will contact them directly for reports or information that we need to make a decision about your child's disability.*

child. We also will ask you to describe how your child's disability affects his or

child's claim. Your cooperation in getting will help us finish our job more quickly.

Employment support programs for young people with disabilities

We have many ways to encourage payments or SSDI benefits and who

Under SSI:

When we figure your child's monthly SSI payment, we don't count most of your child's income. If your child

her earnings each month. In 2020, age 22 may exclude \$1,900 of their limit of \$7,670, when calculating their

With a Plan to Achieve Self-Support (PASS), a child who is age 15 or older

needed to be able to work. We don't count the saved income and resources when we figure the amount of your child's payment. Read more about PASS at www.socialsecurity.gov/disabilityresearch/wi/pass.htm

When figuring your child's SSI payment, we won't count some, or and services in your child's earnings. A child older than age 15 may get even if your child's earnings are

Under SSDI:

An adult disabled before age 22 can

Benefit payments may continue as in substantial work. For 2020, we

earnings are over \$1,260 for non-blind beneficiaries (\$2,110 if they are blind).

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1-800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov/redbook

Medicaid and Medicare

And, some children can get Medicaid coverage even if they don't qualify

Security office, your state Medicaid services office for more information.

Security disability benefits for at least

End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent

Lou Gehrig's disease (Amyotrophic

Children's Health Insurance Program

The Children's Health Insurance

and is available in all 50 states and the

www.insurekidsnow.gov
1-877-543-7669

Other health care services

When your child gets SSI, we'll refer

provision of the Social Security Act.

different names, including Children's
Special Health Services, Children's

Children's Program. Most programs

offices, hospital-based outpatient

Even if your child doesn't get SSI, one of

offices, or hospitals should be able to

Contacting Social Security

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Review your *Social Security Statement*

benefit verification letter

Request a

replacement SSA-1099/1042

Request a r

Call us

If you don't have access to the

day, 7 days a week. Call us toll-free at

1-800-772-1213

1-800-325-0778, if you're deaf or hard of

A member of our staff can answer your call from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday

with someone. We ask for your patience

and longer hold times to speak to us. We

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