

Age 18 Redetermination for SSI

Tip Sheet

What is SSI?

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a program that provides cash benefits to children and adults with disabilities, and adults 65+ without a disability that have limited income and resources.

Why is there a redetermination?

Individuals that receive Supplemental Security Income under the age of 18 have a redetermination at age 18 to decide if they meet the definition of the adult criteria of a disability.

Differences in definition between under 18 and 18+

The child with a disability criterion is:

- The child must have a physical or mental condition(s) that very seriously limits his or her activities; **and**
- The condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least 1 year or result in death. A state agency makes the disability decision. They review the information you give us. They will also ask for information from medical and school sources and other people familiar with the child's condition(s).

The adult with a disability criterion is:

- The adult must have a physical or mental condition(s) that very seriously limits his or her activities; **and**
- The condition(s) must have lasted, or be expected to last, at least 1 year or result in death. A state agency makes the disability decision. They review the information you give us. They will also ask for information from medical and school sources and other people familiar with the child's condition(s).

Considerations and/or preparations for individuals and families

- When the individual becomes 18, they will be their own guardian if guardianship or other supported decision-making models are not in effect. Therefore, the individual will be in charge of their own decisions, communicating with Social Security Administration, and their bank account.
- Helping to prepare documents including Individualized Education Programs, medical documents, financial statements, and other paperwork **six months before** the individual's eighteenth birthday, will allow time to gather and support the individual as needed including teaching skills such as communication and filling out paperwork.

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