

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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Purpose: To provide income or medical insurance to aged, disabled, and surviving family members after death of spouse or parent.

Services: Regular Social Security: retirement benefits, disability benefits, survivor benefits, to surviving spouse and minor children, Medicare benefits, Supplemental Security Income: Benefits to needy aged 65 and over, and benefits to needy disabled persons at any age.

Eligibility Criteria: Regular Social Security: Must be retirement age (62 or older), be insured for benefits, and have paid into the system.
Disability: Can be any age, must be insured for benefits and totally disabled (disability expected to last at least 12 months).
Survivor benefits: Deceased worker must be insured for benefits. Eligible survivors are children under 18, widow(er) with minor child in care, widow(er) age 50 and disabled, or widow(er) age 60 years. Medicare: must be age 65 or have received Social Security disability benefits for 24 months. SSI: must have low income or resources and be age 65 or disabled.

Sponsor: Federal Government

Funded by: Social Security – worker contributions (FICA taxes)
SSI – Federal General Revenues

Average time from referral to delivery

of services: Retirement/Survivor – 30 days; Disability – 60-120 days;
SSI/Aged – 10 days.