



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 128

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OAC Rule: 5160:1-5-07

To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: Barbara R. Sears, Director

Subject: Medicaid: Specialized Recovery Services (SRS) Program Eligibility Criteria Clarification

Reason for Change: The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers the Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) program under Title II of the Social Security Act, which provides monthly benefits designed to replace, in part, the loss of income resulting from retirement, disability, or death. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is the element of the RSDI program that provides benefits to individuals who meet the Social Security disability criteria. Individuals in receipt of SSDI benefits who attain full Social Security retirement age have these disability benefits converted into retirement benefits.

As a result of this conversion, individuals who meet the definition of disability used by the SSA and who have reached retirement age are no longer considered to be “in receipt of...SSDI benefits” as required by rule 5160:1-5-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code for the purposes of Specialized Recovery Services (SRS) program eligibility.

Note: The SSA defines full retirement age as “the age at which a person may first become entitled to full or unreduced retirement benefits.” A chart listing full retirement ages by year of birth is located at: <https://www.ssa.gov/planners/retire/retirechart.html>.

Action Required: An individual who meets the definition of disability used by the SSA, who previously received SSDI benefits authorized by the SSA under Title II of the Social Security Act, and who is no longer in receipt of SSDI benefits due to the conversion of his or her SSDI benefits

to retirement benefits is considered to meet the criteria identified at 5160:1-5-07(B)(3) of the Ohio Administrative Code. The individual continues to be required to meet the remaining criteria identified in rule 5160:1-5-07 for the purposes of SRS program eligibility.

An Ohio Benefits Worker Portal Announcement is issued with the information contained in this MEPL.

This information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

Resources > Publications > ODM Guidance > Medicaid Policy > Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL)

<http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODMGuidance.aspx>