

Social Security Administration

Supplemental Security Income

Important Information

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We are writing to tell you about services and supports available to help you and your child as your child prepares to become an adult. This letter also explains how your child's Supplemental Security Income (SSI) could change when your child turns age 18.

Moving into adulthood is a change often called a transition. You and your child may be talking to teachers, counselors, and service providers about this transition. Those talks may involve ending child services and applying for adult services. They may also involve thinking about what your child will do after high school. Social Security and other federal and state agencies have services available as your child makes plans about higher education, training, and employment. There are many services available in the areas of health, education, finance, and employment.

As you and your child prepare for this transition, it is important to know that your child's SSI eligibility may change when he or she turns age 18. We are required to review all childhood SSI cases when a child turns age 18 to see if he or she meets the adult rules for disability, including non-medical eligibility rules. We call this review the age-18 redetermination. During this review, we will ask for updated information and records about your child's medications, hospitalizations, education, and appointments with doctors and therapists.

Helping Your Child Transition to Adulthood

We have assembled information to make it easier for you to prepare for your child's transition into adulthood. We encourage you to review the enclosed publication with your child.

The enclosed publication:

- Describes the age-18 redetermination and how to appeal if benefits stop.
- Explains earnings and the age-18 redetermination.
- Explains Social Security's policies and work incentives available to your child.
- Explains certain SSI program rules about higher education funds.

- Discusses Achieving a Better Life Experience accounts.
- Provides information about other services you and your child may find helpful.

For additional information directed to our youth audience to assist them with making a successful transition into adulthood, please visit the Youth Toolkit 2021 at www.ssa.gov/youth online.

Suspect Social Security Fraud?

If you suspect Social Security fraud, please visit <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or call the Inspector General's Fraud Hotline at **1-800-269-0271** (TTY **1-866-501-2101**).

If You Have Questions

If you have any questions about Social Security's programs or services, please:

- Visit our website at www.ssa.gov to find general information about SSI.
- Call us toll-free at **1-800-772-1213**. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, our toll-free TTY number is **1-800-325-0778**.
- Contact our Ticket to Work Help Line to learn more about Work Incentives Planning and Assistance (WIPA) and Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS) services. Call **1-866-968-7842** (TTY **1-866-833-2967**) Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time. You can also find information on WIPA and PABSS projects at www.choosework.ssa.gov/findhelp/ online.

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Enclosure:

What You Need To Know About Your Supplemental Security Income (SSI) When You Turn 18
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