

.01 SSA/RSDI Referral

The Social Security Administration (SSA) administers Retirement Survivor's and Disability Insurance (RSDI) benefits to wage earners who have contributed to the Social Security fund and to their dependents.

Participants must apply for RSDI benefits when they are identified as one of the following:

- Retired (over age 62) or disabled wage earners.

NOTE The disability must be expected to last at least 12 months or to result in death.

- A dependent of a retired, disabled, or deceased wage earner. This includes the following:

Widows and their minor children.

Parents, over 62, who were dependents of a deceased wage earner.

A parent or guardian of a child whose parent is deceased or disabled.

Stepchildren (including common law) of a retired, disabled, or deceased stepparent.

NOTE Explain to the participant that [Advocates for the Disabled](#) may be able to assist in applying for RSDI.