

AAA Social Security Administration (SSA) Benefits

SSA benefits include Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) payments. These payments can be received by any of the following:

- Entitled wage earners
- Dependent children of the entitled wage earner
A child may be receiving SSA benefits as a result of a parent's or stepparent's death, retirement, or disability. Siblings may also be receiving SSA benefits. Inquire further when this information does not display on ININ.
- Surviving spouses of an entitled wage earner
When ININ displays a dual or triple entitlement, multiple benefits are calculated and combined into one payment. The total payment will NOT exceed the highest single benefit amount.

Count the gross amount of the SSA benefits rounded down to the nearest whole dollar.

NOTE Do not deduct the [Medicare Premium](#) from the gross amount of the SSA benefits.

When there is a discrepancy in the amount being paid to the participant, contact SSA while the participant is present to verify the amount being paid. (See [SSA Local Offices](#))

When the participant is not present, see [WTPY](#) for procedures.

WARNING

When determining the countable SSA benefit, DO NOT add in the reduced amount to the net SSA payment when either of the following occurs:

- SSA income is reduced to collect an SSI or SSA overpayment.
- SSA income is reduced to divert a court-ordered child support payment.

Count SSA benefits paid to a representative payee on behalf of a participant when one of the following occur:

- The payee lives with the budgetary unit
- The payee lives outside the home and makes the income available for the support of the participant (See Example [Representative Payee](#))

When an organization withholds a fee to act as a representative payee for an **SSI** or **SSDI** participant, deduct the monthly fee from the gross income. The amount of the fee is NOT COUNTABLE.

CA WARNING

The participant may receive both [SSI](#) and SSA. Count only the portion of the SSA income that is designated for a spouse or dependent toward the CA budgetary unit.