

DI 14505.010 Policy for Section 301 Payments to Individuals Participating in a Vocational Rehabilitation or Similar Program

Citations:

Sections [225\(b\)](#) and [1631\(a\)\(6\)](#) of the Social Security Act, as amended;

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CFR [404.316\(c\)](#), [404.327](#), [404.328](#), [404.337\(c\)](#), [404.352\(d\)](#), [404.902\(s\)](#), [404.1586\(g\)](#), [404.1596\(c\)\(2\)](#), [404.1597\(a\)](#), [416.1320\(d\)](#), [416.1331\(a\)](#) and [416.1331\(b\)](#), [416.1338](#), and [416.1402\(j\)](#) (as amended regulations effective July 25, 2005).

A. Policy for Section 301 payments eligibility

1. Identifying individuals eligible for Section 301 payments

Eligibility for payments under Section 301 applies to:

- Individuals receiving title II benefits based on disability, including Disability Insurance Benefits (DIB), Disabled Widow(er)'s Benefits (DWB), Childhood Disability Benefits (CDB), career railroad workers and/or Railroad Retirement Board annuitants; and
- Individuals receiving title XVI benefits based on disability or blindness, including age 18 recipients whose disability is determined to have ended because of an age-18 redetermination.

NOTE: Children under the age of 18 who are participating in the programs described in [DI 14505.010B.2](#) through [DI 14505.010B.6](#) are eligible for Section 301 benefits.

2. Eligibility requirements for Section 301 payments

An individual receiving title II or title XVI benefits based on disability or blindness must have been medically ceased or been determined to be ineligible due to an age 18 redetermination and meet all of the following requirements:

- The individual participates in an appropriate program of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services, employment services, or other support services;
- The individual began participating in the program before the month his or her disability or blindness ceased;
- The individual's participation in the program continues through the 2-month grace period after cessation; and
- We determined that the individual's completion of the program, or continuation in the program for a specified period-of-time, will increase the likelihood that the individual will not return to the disability or blindness benefit rolls.

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