

PROMISE and the Social Security Age 18 Redetermination of Eligibility

Every Supplemental Security Income (SSI) child recipient will have a medical review when they reach age 18. SSA does this to see if it can still pay them benefits as an adult with a disability.

If SSA finds that they have medically improved and are no longer disabled, it usually stops benefit payments. However, there are certain provisions, known as Section 301, that allow individuals to continue to receive benefits if they are participating in a Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) program, have an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or are in any program providing VR, employment services, or other support services intended to help them work.

SSA finds out about participation in these programs directly from the youth during the age 18 redetermination during an interview or by completing forms received in the mail. All youth should complete Section 10 of the Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment or Other Support Services on the Disability Report – Adult (SSA 3368) with information about any program they are participating in, including the name and contact information for their counselor. SSA will review their written plan with any of these agencies to ensure they have an appropriate work outcome.

SSA has identified PROMISE in its program operations manual system (see sections [DI 14505.010](#) and [DI 14510.020](#)) as a program that, for youth in the treatment group, will increase the likelihood of staying off of the SSI.

In addition to fully cooperating with SSA by attending any requested interview and filling out any requested form, PROMISE treatment group participants should do the following:

- Tell SSA about their participation in PROMISE during the interview or by completing Section 10 of the Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment or Other Support Services on the Disability Report – Adult (SSA 3368) with PROMISE information, including the name and contact information for their counselor, and
- Provide a copy of their PROMISE employment plan, if available.

With this information, SSA will know to apply the Section 301 provisions, continuing benefits even if SSA finds the youth to have medically improved.

For more information about Social Security's Work Incentive program go to www.socialsecurity.gov/redbook.