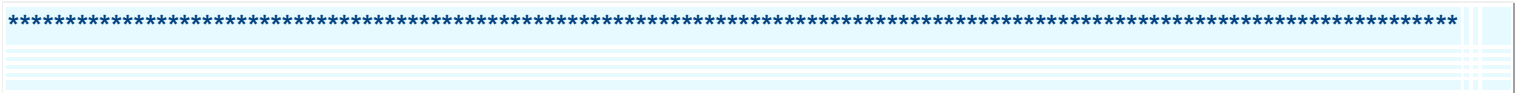


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**Summary**

Clarified that a “final disability determination” includes the SSA good cause process (for a late appeal). Streamlined SSIF responsibilities to be consistent with the SSA Determinations and Appeals manual page.



## Disability Determination - Review of Disability

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**WAC 388-449-0150** When does my eligibility for ~~the~~ Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) cash benefits end?

### Review and Termination of ABD Cash

1. The Disability Specialist must review current medical evidence and determine whether the individual meets ~~the~~ ABD disability criteria detailed in **WAC 388-449-0001** (3) at least every 24 months.
2. The Disability Specialist must initiate the Disability Review far enough in advance to request and consider available medical evidence from the individual's treating medical providers and request clarification and/or additional medical records when necessary to determine ongoing ABD eligibility.

3. If the individual meets [Equal Access \(EA\)](#) criteria, the Disability Specialist must follow all requirements of the EA plan when reviewing disability.
4. The Disability Specialist may initiate an early Disability Review at any time, if the Department receives information indicating that the individual is no longer likely to meet SSI disability criteria.
5. Eligibility for ABD cash ends when a final **disability** determination is made by [the Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#) or when the individual no longer meets ~~the~~ ABD disability criteria detailed in [WAC 388-449-0001](#) (3).
- ~~5.6.~~ A final ~~SSA~~ disability determination includes an SSI or SSDI denial at the SSA ~~Post-Appeal~~[Appeals Council stage-level](#) or an unfavorable determination at the initial, reconsideration, or hearing ~~state level~~ for which the individual fails to file a timely appeal (and SSA has not granted good cause for a late appeal).
- ~~6.~~ ~~When SSI or SSDI is denied for any reason, the SSI Facilitator reviews the case record and SSI notice to determine if the individual continues to meet ABD financial criteria detailed in WAC 388-400-0060 and the ABD disability criteria outlined in WAC 388-449-0001 (3).~~
  - ~~1.~~ ~~If it appears the individual no longer meets ABD financial criteria, the SSI Facilitator notifies the Financial Service Specialist that a review of eligibility is needed.~~
  - ~~2.~~ ~~If it appears the individual no longer meets ABD disability criteria, the SSI Facilitator notifies the Disability Specialist that an early Disability Review is needed.~~
7. When SSA denies an application at the Initial, Reconsideration, or Hearing level, the SSI Facilitator reviews the SSA determination and performs a brief review of all available medical evidence to identify if the client's conditions have improved or deteriorated.
  1. If SSA denied the application due to income or resources, the SSI Facilitator notifies financial regarding the denial. Financial reviews the case to determine if the client continues to meet ABD income and resource requirements.
  2. If the client no longer appears to meet ABD disability criteria, the SSI Facilitator notifies the Disability Specialist that an early Disability Review may be needed. The Disability Specialist reviews the medical evidence in detail, and if warranted, requests current medical evidence and initiates an early ABD Disability Review.
  3. If the client appears likely to meet ABD disability criteria, the SSI Facilitator determines an early ABD Disability Review is not necessary and continues with the SSI Facilitation process.

**NOTE:** An ABD Disability Review is not required for recipients age 65 or older.

**NOTE:** Screen for EA and implement any necessary accommodations when an individual frequently fails to follow through and/or expresses difficulty understanding program requirements.