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Disability Determination for Social Security Administration (DDSSA)

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The DDSSA determines whether a person meets the medical disability provisions for benefits under the Federal Social Security Act. These provisions are not necessarily the same used in other government or private disability programs, and a person may qualify under other programs and not qualify for social security disability.

The social security disability program consists of two distinct benefit areas: social security disability insurance under Title II of the Act of supplemental security income (SSI) under Title XVI. Title II benefits are a partial replacement for the worker and his family's lost earnings when the worker suffers a severe disability. Title II claimants must have been gainfully employed for five of the past ten years in work covered by social security. Worker benefits are based on the worker's earnings. After 24 months of Title II benefits, claimants are eligible for Medicare coverage.

The Title XVI disability benefits program provides income for individuals with severe disabilities who have limited income and resources. Title XVI benefits are funded through general tax revenues and individuals who qualify under these provisions also qualify for Medicaid assistance.

An adult under either title must, because of his disability, be unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months, or death.

Department of Workforce Education/Arkansas Rehabilitation Services

A division of the Department of Workforce Education, the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) Field Program operates 20 statewide offices for persons with physical, mental, cognitive or sensory disabilities. Persons who wish to apply for services must first contact a rehabilitation counselor. Counselors are assigned to each of the state's 75 counties. Counselors regularly travel to locations within their assigned counties to determine client eligibility and bring agency services closer to individuals needing them.

There are components within the rehabilitation system that provide specialized programs, such as transition services for students who are finishing school;

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services to help those who are presently receiving public assistance become employed, and therefore be able to provide for themselves, and services for people with special communication needs.

ARS also operates the Hot Springs Rehabilitation Center, which provides vocational training through the Arkansas Career Training Institute and medical services through the HSRC Hospital. Technology information is available through the agency's Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN).

These regional services providers are listed for each county on Alphabetized County Services Grids

Workers' Compensation Commission

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The primary responsibilities of the Workers' Compensation Commission are to administer and enforce the state's Workers' Compensation Law and to adjudicate all work-related injury claims by employees against their employers or insurance carriers.

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