

3.3 FEDERAL INFORMATION SOURCES ACCESSED

A. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

The IRS unearned interest income data is required for all applicants and recipients and is matched monthly. This data shows asset and income information reported to IRS. Priority is given to those individuals with more than \$200 reported.

NOTE: Only the primary Case Worker and his supervisor will be able to view this screen. The RAPIDS User Guide contains information on the accessibility of the IRS detail screen.

The IRS Match screen contains the following information.

- Case number
- SSN
- Case name
- Payee name and address
- Payer name/address: This identifies the source of the income.
- Codes A through WW: These codes list the type of income. The meaning of these codes is available on the RAPIDS Help Screen
- The amount of the income is listed in whole dollars

NOTE: IRS data is subject to independent verification. See Section 3.4,C.

B. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

SSA provides the Department with information on pensions, earnings, net earnings from self-employment, RSDI, SSI and other related benefit information received through SSA. The Department requests information on all applicants and submits the names and SSN's of current recipients to SSA. Two screens, Beneficiary and Earnings Data Exchange (BENDEX) and Beneficiary Earnings Exchange Record (BEER), contain the information. The information shown is as follows.

1. BENDEX

The BENDEX Screen shows the following Information:

- Case number, case name, address
- CAN
- SSI
- Recp: Name of the recipient to whom the BENDEX information refers
- Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) amount
- Entitlement Date: Date on which the recipient became eligible for RSDI benefits. It is possible a person became entitled to benefits prior to the actual receipt. Therefore, the Department must determine the payment status.

NOTE: BENDEX is subject to safeguarding procedures. See Section 3.4,D

NOTE: Pay status codes can be accessed by viewing the Help Screen.

2. BEERS

Earnings information reported by employers to SSA is not as current as that reported by employers to BEP. However, information which is not available through BEP may appear on the BEERS Screen. In addition, net earnings from self-employment is available through BEERS.

NOTE: BEERS is federal tax information and the information must be safeguarded and destroyed using the same guidelines for IRS information found in Section 3.4,D.

NOTE: A description of the BEERS information is available on the Help Screen.

3. SSN VERIFICATION DETAILS

SSA provides an automated SSN verification system. Verified SSNs are automatically indicated in RAPIDS. Errors are identified and detailed information is made available to the Worker in RAPIDS.

NOTE: Use only when mismatch occurs.

4. SDX/SSI Response

- SDX To Open: Individuals who receive SSI but who do not receive Medicaid in RAPIDS are identified.
- SDX To Evaluate: Individuals whose SSI is being terminated/suspended/closed and must be evaluated for all other coverage groups.
- SDX Change: Individuals whose payment amounts, payee name or addresses have changed.

5. FORTY (40) QUALIFYING QUARTERS OF COVERAGE

See Chapter 18 for the policy for Qualified Aliens.

The following information is required.

- Case number
- Pin number
- Verified SSN
- Last Name, First Name, MI.
- DOB
- Date sent
- Date received
- Condition code

NOTE: Information about 40 Qualifying Quarters Display Screens is found in DXQA.

6. PRISONER MATCH

DISCLOSURE: When disclosure is prohibited by SSA, the prison is not identified. Please note, the match for prison information is by SSN only. The fact that the SSN of a RAPIDS client matched the SSN of an individual in the prison file from SSA, will cause the individual to display on the DXRL response list, but the detail screen DXPR will not have any additional information. At that point, the Worker must contact the family of the client and follow independent verification procedures.

The Prisoner match is currently in RAPIDS. It contains the following information.

SSN	Date received
PIN #	Status code
Case #	Prisoner name
Client name	Prisoner ID number
Action	Date of birth
Action date	Sex
Prison name	Date of confinement
City, State, Zip	
Phone #	

The Worker must not take any case action based only on the data received through this source.

NOTE: Prisoner Match data is subject to independent verification. See Section 3.4,C.

The Worker may verify the information through the prison system if the name of the prison is identified. The verification request must clearly explain the information the Worker has, its relevance to the individual's eligibility or benefit level, and the action the worker will take if the prison fails to respond. Thirty (30) calendar days must be allowed for a response.

7. SAVINGS RECORD

Not only does RAPIDS allow the Worker to update case information through data exchange, it also allows the Worker to record savings that have been generated from any discrepancy match and the subsequent adjustments to benefit amounts.

NOTE: RAPIDS Screen DXRU records savings produced from data matches. The Worker must record adjustments to benefit amounts.