

Individuals who are automatically enrolled by SSA are not referred for enrollment. However, at the time of application and redetermination, the Worker must identify each individual who will be automatically enrolled before the next redetermination. The individual must be asked to notify the Worker when he receives his Medicare card. The claim number is entered in **RAPIDS**.

e. Who Must be Referred for Medicare Enrollment

All Medicaid applicants and recipients, age 65 or over, who are not enrolled, and all others who appear to meet the criteria in item 5 above, must be referred for enrollment. Failure to enroll, for those eligible for Medicare Buy-In who do not meet an exemption described in Section 5.4,A, results in denial of the Medicaid application, removal from the Medicaid AG or closure of the Medicaid AG.

f. **Use of MOBIUS Report WRCM260A – MA Turning 64 Yrs and 9 Months and Lists from the Bureau for Medical Services**

The Worker must use the MA Turning 64 Yrs and 9 Months report in MOBIUS each month to insure that individuals who are near the age for Medicare eligibility begin the enrollment process with SSA. These individuals may enroll in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug benefit, at this time also so that drug benefits are not delayed. RAPIDS provides a Worker-requested letter, NMLD, to send to the client when his name appears on the report. The Worker is responsible for generating the letter and for follow-up of the enrollment process.

The Bureau for Medical Services (BMS) also provides lists of individuals each month to assist the Worker with this process. The lists are distributed by GroupWise to the Regional Program Managers by the DFA Economic Services Unit. The lists and appropriate actions are:

- **Members Turning 65 – No Medicare – The Worker must contact the client by letter to remind him to enroll in Medicare and inform him that his Medicaid will stop if he fails to comply and is not exempt from the requirement.**
- **SSI Recipients Not Enrolled in Medicare – This list is provided approximately 3 months after the individual is age 65, but is not enrolled in Medicare. The Worker must close Medicaid after proper notice if the client**

does not provide proof of enrollment or an exception to the requirement.

6. Procedure For Referrals To The Social Security Administration

The Worker refers the client to SSA for any of the benefits listed above using forms ES-6 or HS-3 or the RAPIDS verification checklist.

In addition, the Worker must instruct the client to phone or visit his local SSA office to file an enrollment application in accordance with local SSA procedures.

7. Follow-up When A WV WORKS Recipient Becomes Eligible For SSI

When a WV WORKS recipient becomes eligible for SSI, SSA is required to count his share of the WV WORKS check as income.

The Worker must notify the local **SSA** Office when the individual(s) no longer receives WV WORKS. See Section 2.17,D for cash assistance information requested by SSA.

B. VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (VA) BENEFITS

VA Benefits are Pension Benefits, Compensation Benefits, and Aide and Attendance Benefits.

1. Pension Benefits

a. Requirements for Coverage

- The veteran must have at least 90 days of wartime service. The dates for such services are:
 - World War I - April 15, 1917 to November 11, 1918
 - World War II - December 7, 1941 to December 31, 1946
 - Korean War - June 27, 1950 to January 31, 1955
 - Vietnam War - August 5, 1964 to (February 28, 1961, for veterans who served "in country" before August 5, 1964) May 7, 1975

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- Gulf War – August 2, 1990, through a date to be set by law or Presidential Proclamation
 - The veteran must be permanently and totally disabled from reasons not traceable to service. Veterans age 65 or older are automatically considered permanently disabled.
 - The veteran must have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions.
- b. Who May Receive Benefits

The veteran, his wife, his dependent children who are unmarried and under age 18, or under **23**, if in school, his dependent parents, and his unmarried disabled children at any age.

If the veteran who was eligible for VA Pension Benefits is deceased, his widow and his dependent children, his dependent parents and unmarried disabled children are eligible.

2. Compensation Benefits

a. Requirements for Coverage

The applicant must be a veteran who is disabled by injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active service in the line of duty. The veteran must have had wartime or peace-time service and separated or discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

b. Who May Receive Benefits

- The veteran