

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 eRAPIDS.

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 eRAPIDS 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

2. Who Must Be Referred

All **Parents/Caretaker Relatives**, AFDC-Related Medicaid and WV WORKS unemployed parents and any other persons who appear to meet the above criteria.

3. Procedures For Filing A Claim

All claims for UCI Benefits must be filed at the local BEP Office.

F. RAILROAD RETIREMENT, DISABILITY AND SURVIVORS BENEFITS

Railroad Retirement, Disability and Survivors Benefits may be available to a railroad worker, his surviving widow and dependent children. These benefits are administered through the Railroad Retirement Board.

1. Description Benefit

There are five types of benefits available through the Retirement Board.

a. Railroad Retirement Benefits

Retirement Benefits are available to individuals who are railroad workers who are at least age 65, and have at least 10 years of railroad service.

A railroad worker may retire with reduced benefits at age 60, depending on his length of service.

b. Disability Benefits

Disabled railroad workers who have at least 10 years of service may qualify for benefits.

c. Survivors Benefits

The following individuals may be eligible to receive survivors benefits.

- A widow who is caring for a child under 18 or disabled.
- A widow when she reaches age 60.
- A widow age 50 who is permanently disabled and unable to work in regular employment.