

**12.4 DETERMINATION OF DISABILITY OR BLINDNESS WITHOUT MEDICAL REPORTS OR SOCIAL SUMMARY****A. DISABILITY ESTABLISHED BY SSA**

It is not necessary to obtain medical reports, complete the social summary or refer the case to MRT when the disabled individual receives RSDI benefits based on his own disability. This includes benefits for the disabled wage earner, benefits for the adult disabled child of a retired, deceased or disabled wage earner and benefits for the disabled spouse of the retired, deceased or disabled wage earner.

See Section 12.9,B for disabled individuals who previously received SSI.

**B. DISABILITY ESTABLISHED BY RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD**

It is not necessary to obtain medical reports, complete the social summary, or refer the case to MRT when disability has been established by the Railroad Retirement Board.

To meet the Medicaid definition of disability, the client's Railroad Retirement annuity must be based on his own total and permanent disability. The individual who is receiving a Railroad Retirement annuity based on occupational disability does not meet the disability requirements for Medicaid.

**C. BLINDNESS**

It is not necessary to obtain medical reports, complete the social summary, or refer the case to MRT when both eyes are missing.

**D. DISABILITY ESTABLISHED BY RECEIPT OF RSDI, CLIENT CLAIMS BLINDNESS**

When an individual receives RSDI based on his disability, but has earned income, and would benefit from the more generous treatment of earned income available to blind persons, the Worker must pursue establishment of his blindness. The application must first be approved based on disability. The Worker proceeds with the usual processes involved in establishing blindness.