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## Social Security



Social Security is a federal program which provides benefits for individuals who are retired, for survivors of a spouse or parent (with specific age requirements), and for individuals with disabilities.

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Springfield MA 01109  
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260 Westfield Road  
Holyoke MA 01040  
Tel: 413-534-3299

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Springfield MA 01105  
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## Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

SSI is a program that pays monthly benefits to *people with limited income and resources* who are disabled, blind, or age 65 or older. Blind or disabled children may also get SSI. In Massachusetts, any person receiving SSI automatically qualifies for Medicaid (MassHealth). A person must be a legal resident or citizen of the United States to receive SSI benefits. To get SSI, the countable resources must not be worth more than \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for a couple. Go to [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) for a list of things that do not count toward countable resources.

### SSI Definition of Disability for a Child:

A child under age 18 with a medically determinable physical or mental impairment (including emotional or learning problems) that results in marked and severe functional limitations; **and** can be expected to result in death; **or** has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

### SSI Definition of Disability for an Adult:

A person over the age of 18 may be considered disabled if they have a medically determinable physical or mental impairment (including an emotional or learning problem) which results in the inability to *do any substantial gainful activity*; **and** can be expected to result in death; **or** has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

## Social Security Disability Insurance program (SSDI)

SSDI pays benefits to a person and certain members of their family if they are "insured," meaning that the disabled person worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes. The definition of disability under Social Security is different than other programs. Social Security pays only for total disability. Social Security SSDI is based on a person's inability to work.

### SSDI Definition of Disability:

A person's disability prevents them from doing the work he/she did before the disability, **and** it is determined (by Social Security) that the person cannot adjust to other work because of his/her medical condition, **and** the person's disability has lasted or is expected to last for at least one year or to result in death.

### Working while on SSI or SSDI

Individuals receiving SSI and/or SSDI **can** work. Below is a link that offers specific information about working while on SSI or SSDI.

[www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10095.pdf](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/EN-05-10095.pdf)

For more information on your specific situation, retirement, disability, survivor benefits or Medicare, visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov), call 1-800-772-1213 (national number), or visit your local Social Security office.

### Local Social Security Offices:

70 Bond Street  
Springfield, MA 01104  
(866) 964-5061  
(413) 731-1491 (TTY)

200 High Street  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
(877) 480-4989  
(413) 534-0901 (TTY)

Federal Building  
78 Center Street  
Suite 101  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(866) 446-7111  
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