

inconsistencies, ask the recipient to bring verification from the Social Security Administration.

It is also important to remember the following tips about Social Security income:

- RSDI income for the aged is rarely discontinued.
- If it is discontinued, the AU Manager must explore the reason for the termination of the RSDI income since it is almost certain to affect eligibility in other ways.
- If for some reason an individual loses their RSDI and is still eligible for SSI, the SSI income should increase to meet the standard budget, making up the money lost.
- Of the two programs, SSI is more likely to be discontinued because it is a needs-based program, and receipt of any other income could cause the SSI recipient to become over income for continued SSI benefits. It is also possible that the recipient is no longer considered disabled after an SSI review.

## From the Hotline

- Q.** A woman was applying for TAFDC for herself and her twin eight-year-old cousins. When we tried to verify relationship, it didn't appear as if these children were her actual first cousins. Then, we realized that the twins were the son and daughter of the applicant's first cousin. Is this woman considered an eligible grantee relative?
- A.** Yes. You can approve this AU if the members are otherwise eligible for TAFDC. The children are considered the grantee's first cousins once removed. Therefore, they meet the relationship requirement as defined in 106 CMR 203.585.
- Q.** Can a portion of my ESP participant's Supported Work income be considered noncountable income for TAFDC purposes?
- A.** No. All of the wages received through the Worksite employment phase of Supported Work are considered earned income. For information on how the TAFDC grant with earnings is calculated, refer to 106 CMR 204.500.

- Q.** Is there a situation when Supported Work wages would make the TAFDC AU financially ineligible but the case would still remain open?
- A.** Yes. If the ESP participant becomes financially ineligible for TAFDC because of her wages from a Worksite employment placement, then the TAFDC AU remains open at a zero grant for the duration of the Worksite employment. The Supported Work participant and the children in the AU are still considered TAFDC recipients. For more information on Supported Work, refer to 106 CMR 207.160.



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