



CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION  
GENERAL CASE MANAGEMENT

Benefits Bulletin and Table

SUPERSEDES

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REFERENCES

CFR 45 § 303.11(9)

Benefits Bulletin

The table below lists some government and quasi-government benefits often received by obligors. It tells how the Child Support Services Division (CSSD) must treat each type of benefit in determining income included as income guidelines calculations, income subject to withholding, and case closure status. Information in the table is considered CSSD policy until revised or replaced.

BENEFITS TABLE

Obligor Benefit	Income for Guidelines?	Subject to Income Withholding?	Case Subject to Closure?
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Title XVI	No	No	Yes, if SSI is sole source of income. See CS 201.5 Identifying Closed Case Status.
Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) Title II	Yes	Yes, if the obligor is not receiving concurrent SSDI and SSI benefits. *	Yes, if concurrent SSI and SSDI is sole source of income. See CS 201.5 Identifying Closed Case Status.
Social Security Retirement (SSR) Title II	Yes	Yes, if the obligor is not receiving concurrent SSR and SSI benefits. *	Yes, if concurrent SSI and SSR is sole source of income. See CS 201.5 Identifying Closed Case Status.
U.S. Military Retirement	Yes	Yes	No
Veterans' Disability	Yes	Maybe, if a veteran has waived a portion of retirement pay to receive disability, that portion of benefit is subject to withholding.	No
Railroad retirement	Yes	Yes	No
Railroad Disability Benefits	Yes	Yes	No
Railroad Unemployment	Yes	Yes	No
Federal Workers' Compensation	Yes	Yes, but only the portion intended as wages.	No
Workers' Compensation	Yes	Yes	No
Montana Unemployment Benefits	Yes	Yes	No
Other State Unemployment Benefits	Yes	Yes, may need an intergovernmental action.	No
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	No	No	No, see CS 201.4 Temporarily Unworkable Cases.
Federal Work-Study Wages	Yes	No	No

\* Upon determination by the agency that an income withholding order has been issued for funds that are SSI, or concurrent SSI and SSDI, or concurrent SSI and SSR benefits; funds are returned to the obligor within 5 business days.