Am I presumed to be eligible for VR services if I receive Social Security disability benefits? (1) If you receive Social Security disability insurance (SSDI) or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act and you intend to achieve an employment outcome, DVR presumes that you are an eligible individual upon verification of your Social Security disability benefits.

(2) If you cannot provide appropriate evidence of your Social Security benefits, such as an award letter from the Social Security Administration, or other type of verification, DVR may request the verification for you.

(3) DVR makes maximum efforts to obtain verification of your Social Security benefits in a reasonable period of time.

(4) After verification of your Social Security benefits, the DVR counselor determines whether you are eligible for VR services.

(5) Although DVR presumes that you are eligible for VR services if your DVR counselor has verified that you receive SSDI or SSI, if the DVR counselor has reason to believe you are not capable of benefiting in terms of an employment outcome after receiving VR services due to the severity of your disability, the DVR counselor conducts an exploration of your abilities, capabilities, and capacity to perform in realistic work situations as described in WAC 388-891A-0526 and 388-891A-0530.

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