

## **IC 12-14-15**

### **Chapter 15. Supplemental Assistance for Persons With Disabilities**

#### **IC 12-14-15-1**

##### **Assistance to qualified individuals**

Sec. 1. Assistance shall be given to a needy individual with a disability who meets the following qualifications:

(1) Has a pending application on file with the federal Social Security Administration for assistance under Public Law 92-603, supplemental security income (SSI), or is receiving assistance. However, a person whose application for assistance under Public Law 92-603 has been denied but who meets all other requirements of this chapter is eligible for supplemental assistance.

(2) Has one (1) of the following:

(A) A physical or mental impairment, disease, or loss that is verifiable by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5, that appears reasonably certain to result in death or to last for a continuous period of at least twelve (12) months without significant improvement, and that substantially impairs the individual's ability to perform labor or services or to engage in a useful occupation.

(B) A mental impairment, disease, or loss that is:

(i) diagnosed by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 or a health services provider in psychology licensed under IC 25-33-1; and

(ii) verifiable by a physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 or a psychologist licensed under IC 25-33;

that appears reasonably certain to last for a continuous period of at least twelve (12) months without significant improvement, and that substantially impairs the individual's ability to perform labor or services or to engage in a useful occupation. Employment in a sheltered workshop or under an approved vocational rehabilitation plan is not considered a useful occupation for the purposes of this chapter. The determination of medical disability under this subdivision shall be made without reference to the individual's ability to pay for treatment.

(3) Does not have a parent, spouse, or other legally responsible relative able to support the individual.

(4) Is at least eighteen (18) years of age.

(5) Is residing and intends to remain in Indiana in a bona fide living arrangement.

(6) Has insufficient income or other resources to provide a reasonable subsistence according to the standards established by the division.

(7) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, is not an inmate of or being maintained by a municipal, state, or national institution while receiving assistance.

(8) Has not, at any time within five (5) years immediately before

the date of the filing of an application for assistance under this chapter, made an assignment or transfer of property for the purpose of making or that will make the individual eligible for assistance under this chapter, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.8. Amended by P.L.152-1995, SEC.4; P.L.67-2000, SEC.1; P.L.218-2003, SEC.1; P.L.99-2007, SEC.90.*

#### **IC 12-14-15-2**

##### **Inmates; commencement of assistance**

Sec. 2. An inmate may apply for assistance under this chapter. However, if assistance is granted, the assistance may not begin until the individual is no longer an inmate.

*As added by P.L.2-1992, SEC.8.*