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Question:

Please refer to EOE-3. Does SSDI consider household income or are its income limits applied solely to the disabled individual receiving SSDI?

Response:

As shared in the Company's response to EOE-003, Social Security Disability Income ("SSDI") is administered through the Federal Social Security Administration. According to their information available online at https://www.ssa.gov/disability/eligibility, eligibility is solely for the disabled individual (not the household) based on the two criteria for the individual:

> "*You may be eligible for Disability if you have 1) a disability or blindness, and 2) enough work history*."

With this insightful question, the Company recognizes that it would be beneficial to review, with key stakeholders and the Department of Social Services, the categorical eligibility benefits mapping to financial hardship designation and low income discount rate ("LIDR") tiers to clarify which benefits are based solely on an individual benefit recipient qualification (like SSDI), versus household income.