

3325.0220 PRELIMINARY INTERVIEW AND ASSESSMENT.

Subpart 1. **Purpose of interview and assessment.** SSB shall conduct an initial interview to determine whether an individual is eligible for rehabilitation services under the independent living program.

Subp. 2. **Scope of interview and assessment.** Each eligibility determination must be based on the information specified in items A, B, and C.

A. An oral description by the individual of the individual's visual impairment, observation by the SSB direct service staff, or a written report which documents the results of a medical eye or optometric examination. The description, observation by the SSB direct service staff, or report contains sufficient information for eligibility purposes if it enables the SSB direct service staff interviewing the individual to determine whether the individual has a severe visual impairment.

B. A discussion by the SSB direct service staff and the individual regarding the individual's employment status and interests. The discussion contains sufficient information for eligibility purposes if it enables the SSB direct service staff to determine whether the individual's severe visual impairment makes competitive employment extremely difficult to obtain.

C. Other information regarding the individual to determine if independent living goals are feasible and whether the individual's school district is legally obligated to provide independent living services.

Subp. 3. **Notice of eligibility.** After the SSB direct service staff has determined that an individual is eligible for independent living rehabilitation services, the SSB direct service staff shall inform the individual of the eligibility determination.

Subp. 4. **Prior consultation.** If SSB expects to find an individual ineligible for rehabilitation services, SSB shall, before making its final determination, offer the individual a clear opportunity to discuss the anticipated determination.

Subp. 5. **Notice of ineligibility.** After the SSB direct service staff has determined that an individual is ineligible for rehabilitation services, the SSB direct service staff shall inform the individual in writing of the reasons for the determination, the individual's appeal rights under part 3325.0478, and a description of services available from and information on how to contact the client assistance program. The notice must be mailed by SSB within ten working days after the determination.

Subp. 6. [Repealed, 36 SR 33]

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