



Department of  
Mental Health

# Expedited Supplemental Security Income Project

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**Do you need help paying for medications and basic living expenses?**

**Are you working with a consumer who could benefit from having a steady income?**

*Are you working with a consumer who has been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness that causes deficits in activities of daily living such as self-care, performing household chores or other routine daily activities?*

*Is the individual you are working with experiencing limitations with activities of social functioning or concentration?*

*Does the individual's mental illness prevent him or her from participating in substantial gainful employment?*

If so, he or she may be eligible to participate in the **Expedited Social Security Income Project**.

The Expedited SSI Project was developed as a collaborative effort to reduce the processing time for Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) and Medicaid benefits.

#### **Who is eligible?**

Consumers who have had at least one psychiatric hospitalization in the past six months, two or more psychiatric hospitalizations in last two years totaling twenty days or more, have been receiving/ needing at least weekly mental health services for a period of three months or have received at least bi-weekly mental health services for a period of six months

#### **Qualifying diagnoses include:**

- Affective disorders
- Anxiety-related disorders
- Mental retardation
- Organic mental disorders
- Other psychotic disorders
- Personality disorders
- Pervasive developmental disorders
- Schizophrenia
- Somatoform disorders

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Expedited SSI Project, please contact Mindy Vance of the Ohio Department of Mental Health at (614) 466-3105 or [mindy.vance@mh.ohio.gov](mailto:mindy.vance@mh.ohio.gov).

**Please note:** Consumers whose symptoms are well-controlled by treatment, including medications, or for whom clear clinical picture has not yet been established may not be eligible to participate in the Expedited SSI Project.

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