

# Social Security Administration

In January, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will launch the Benefit Offset National Demonstration or BOND. The purpose of BOND is to test different program policies regarding the treatment of earnings for current SSDI beneficiaries in 10 sites around the country. The region comprised of Arizona and Southeastern California is one of the selected sites. Undoubtedly, you will encounter SSDI beneficiaries you serve that will receive a letter from SSA regarding their selected participation in BOND. We have provided some talking points below to assist you in responding to inquires that you may get from SSDI beneficiaries who have been randomly selected to participate. Your role is simply to support the beneficiaries to connect with the Arizona BOND specialists so they can learn about the BOND and make an informed decision about whether or not they would like to participate. Individuals can contact the BOND specialists through the 1800 numbers listed on the brochure. Beneficiaries are randomly selected by the SSA, so only those SSDI who receive the SSA "Good News" letters will be eligible.

- Enrollment in BOND offers many more opportunities than SSDI beneficiaries have under current programs.
- The BOND program lasts for 5 years once beneficiary is enrolled.
- Those who are randomly selected do not have to be employment ready at this time.
- Stakeholders should not try to answer questions, but will refer beneficiaries to our SSA BOND office telephone numbers.

Visit the following links to access the BOND reference material:

BOND Brochure

[http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/listimages/MIG-AEDP-L/BOND\\_Stakeholder\\_Brochure\\_FINAL.pdf](http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/listimages/MIG-AEDP-L/BOND_Stakeholder_Brochure_FINAL.pdf)

BOND Summary and Contact Information

[http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/listimages/MIGAEDPL/Arizona\\_and\\_Southeastern\\_California\\_Benefit\\_Offset\\_National\\_Demonstration\[1\].docx](http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/listimages/MIGAEDPL/Arizona_and_Southeastern_California_Benefit_Offset_National_Demonstration[1].docx)

BOND PowerPoint Presentation

[http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/listimages/MIG-AEDP-L/Stakeholder\\_Presentation\\_Arizona-SE\\_Cali\\_1-11-2011.ppt](http://listserv.azahcccs.gov/listimages/MIG-AEDP-L/Stakeholder_Presentation_Arizona-SE_Cali_1-11-2011.ppt)

If you are interested in learning more about the BOND from the perspective of a field practitioner, please contact Suzanne Rawlings, BOND Site Director for Arizona and Southeastern California.