



APPENDIX D



Acronym Glossary

BWE	Blind Work Expense - The blind work expense (BWE) provision allows a blind individual to exclude earnings used to pay for work related expenses (i.e. not necessarily incurred because of the individual's blindness).
DAC	Disabled Adult Child
FBR	Federal Benefit Rate - The rate set by the federal government annually for SSI. (2004 \$564.00/month)
IRWE	Impairment Related Work Expense - The impairment-related work expense (IRWE) provision allows for the exclusion of earned income used to pay for work expenses incurred because of the person's disability.
PASS	Plan for Achieving Self Support
PASS Cadre	The 13 offices located around the country which are responsible for approving and monitoring PASS plans.
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDAC	Social Security Benefits that a disabled adult child draws on a parent's account when a parent retires, becomes disabled or dies.
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance. A financial and medical benefit provided by Social Security to people who have worked, paid into the disability insurance system (through FICA) and then become disabled and are unable to work.
SSI	Supplemental Security Income. A financial benefit available to people who have a disability and meet the eligibility requirements for low income and minimal resources. (In many states this benefit comes with Medicaid).
State Supplement	Some states supplement the amount of money SSI recipients receive monthly. For a particular state's supplement amount search ssa.gov web site.
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation.