

Change to SSDI Benefit Offset Demonstration (BOPD) Project

On December 11, 2008, Social Security Administration published a notice in the Federal Register announcing plans for a gradual phase-out of SSDI Benefit Offset Demonstration (BOPD) projects <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2008/E8-29334.htm>.

Effective January 1, 2009, the alternative program rules ended for the pilot group (also known as treatment or intervention group) participants of the BOPD who did not complete their Trial Work Period as of December 31, 2008. These beneficiaries returned to regular SSA rules, which includes undergoing periodic Medical Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs). SSA is continuing the alternative program rules for approximately 300 participants who completed their Trial Work Period as of December 31, 2008, until they complete their 72-month Extended Period of Eligibility (or re-entitlement) period.

If you have been enrolled in the Benefit Offset Demonstration Project and have any questions regarding your status, please contact your state project team. Their contact information can be found at: <http://www.benefitoffset.org/planning.htm>.