

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 57

Topic: Disability Support Pension - Review Recipients aged under 35 years

Hansard Page: Written

Senator Brown asked:

Will the existing exemptions from medical reviews also apply to this group? Currently anyone on DSP can be selected for medical review if Centrelink believes they are no longer medically qualified. But some people on DSP are excluded from reviews of their medical qualification. The Guide to Social Security Law, in section 6.2.5.15 'DSP - General Provisions for Service Updates' says: "A person should not be selected for review when a review is unnecessary or inappropriate. The DSP recipients are exempt from this type of review if they:

- are in receipt of DSP on the grounds of permanent blindness,
- are participating in the supported wage scheme,
- meet the manifest eligibility criteria for DSP."

Answer:

DSP recipients aged under 35 who were granted between 2008 and 2011 and who were either granted under manifest rules or who have an assessed work capacity of less than 8 hours per week will be exempt from being reviewed under this measure.

DSP recipients who are permanently blind are granted DSP under manifest rules and so are excluded from being reviewed under this measure.

DSP recipients participating in the supported wage scheme are exempt from review under this measure if they were granted DSP under manifest rules.