

CHAPTER 8
SECTION 1.6

PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (PFPWD):
ELIGIBILITY QUALIFYING CONDITION - MENTAL RETARDATION

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I. POLICY

A. A diagnosis of moderate or severe mental retardation in accordance with the criteria in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association, is a PFPWD qualifying condition.

B. For a beneficiary less than 3 years of age, the following conditions (ICD-9-CM codes cited) may be presumed to precede a diagnosis of moderate or severe mental retardation:

1. Down syndrome: 758.0
2. Fetal alcohol syndrome: 760.71

C. For a beneficiary less than three years of age, a developmental delay qualifies as moderate or severe mental retardation when standardized diagnostic psychometric tests demonstrate developmental delay equivalent to 2 standard deviations below the mean in adaptive, cognitive, or language function.

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