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Subject: **Consolidation of RSDI Benefit Income Codes**

Will the use of two separate RSDI income codes cause system problems when information from COMPASS applications is integrated to the CIS database?

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Historically CIS has allowed the use of both income codes 12 (Social Security Disability) and 13 (Social Security Survivors or Retirement) to designate RSDI benefits. On June 14, 2008 Compass applications will begin being integrated to CIS. With this integration, Income Maintenance Caseworkers (IMCWs) will need to accept RSDI income coded as a 12 and delete previously entered RSDI income coded as a 13. IMCWs should immediately begin using income code 12 and stop using income code 13 when entering new RSDI income into the system. By immediately starting to exclusively use income code 12 to designate RSDI income, the number of cases that will later need to be converted will be reduced, and more cases will be system processed through the January 2009 COLA run.

With the release of Database 40 scheduled for Fall 2008, income code 12 will be described as 'SSD/RSDI Benefits' in the system and the option to use income code 13 will be eliminated.

In addition to the sole use of income code 12 for RSDI benefits, the continued use of income code 50 to designate fixed pensions will increase the number of cases that the automated 2009 COLA will process. By beginning to use unearned income codes 12 and 50 now, the number of alerts received after the COLA run should be drastically reduced.

NOTE: Income coded as 13 must be **finalized** or **terminated** in order for systems to work properly. Please see Chapter 25.15 in Using CIS for how to terminate or finalize income. If a user only zeros out the income code 13 CAUNRD screen, the case may error out during COLAs.