

Black-Out Period

“**Dependency period**” refers to the child’s check, and “**blackout period**” refers to the surviving spouse’s check.

Example: At the time the worker dies, his wife and child are as follows:

Woman - Age 30

Child - Age 10

- If the husband died, the wife would receive benefits until the youngest child turned 16 and then benefits stop.
- Benefits would not begin again until she reached age 60.
- The period when she is NOT receiving benefits is called the “blackout period”, from the time the youngest child turns 16 until the surviving spouse turns 60 at the earliest.
- The blackout period in this case would be 24 years.