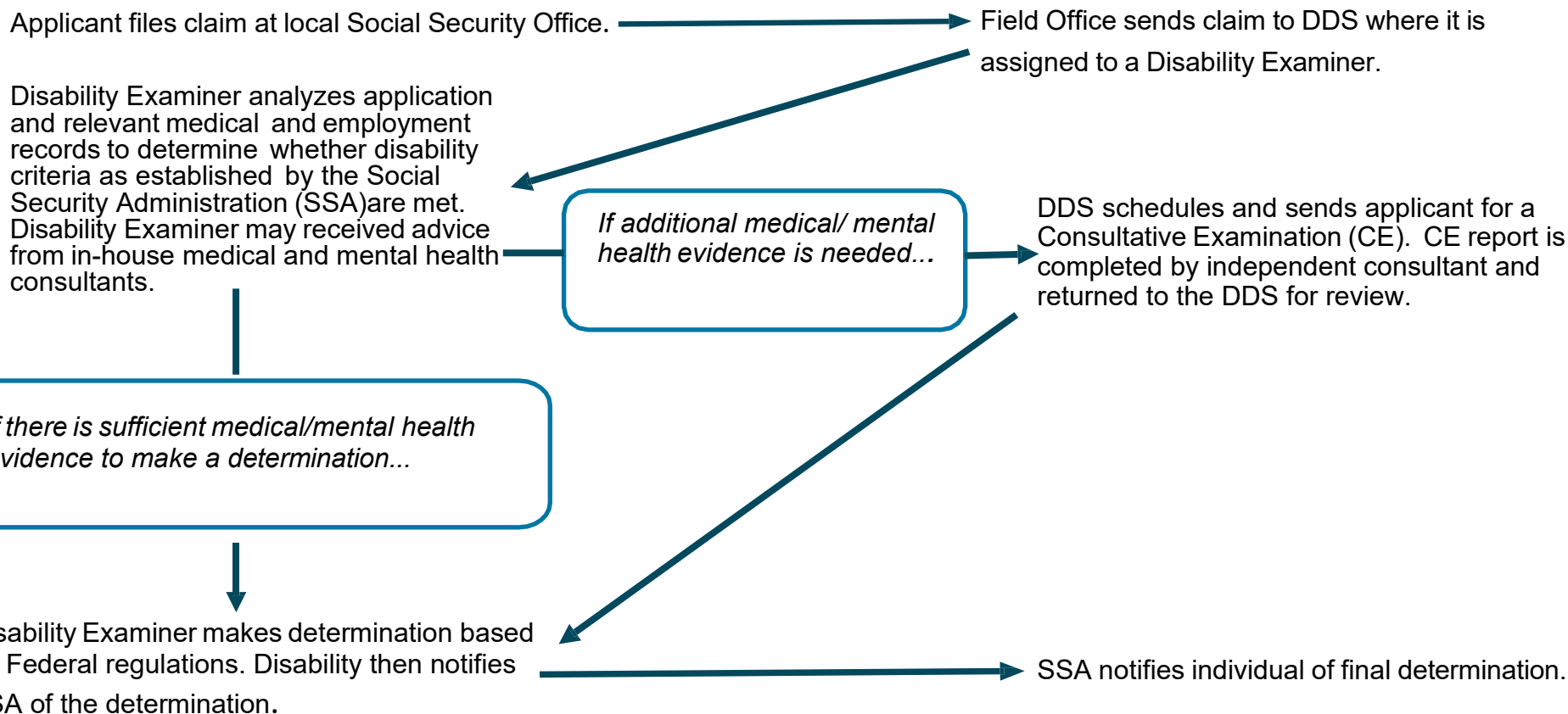


# Disability Determination Services (DDS)

## Social Security Disability Claim Process



<p><b>Disability Examiner:</b> DDS employee who reviews SSA Disability application and may contact applicant for more information about disability.</p>	<p><b>Medical/Mental Health Consultant:</b> Licensed doctor, contracted by DDS, who helps assess the applicant's physical or mental disability.</p>	<p><b>Consultative Examination (CE):</b> Exam that may be ordered and paid for by DDS to gather more information about the applicant's disability.</p>
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