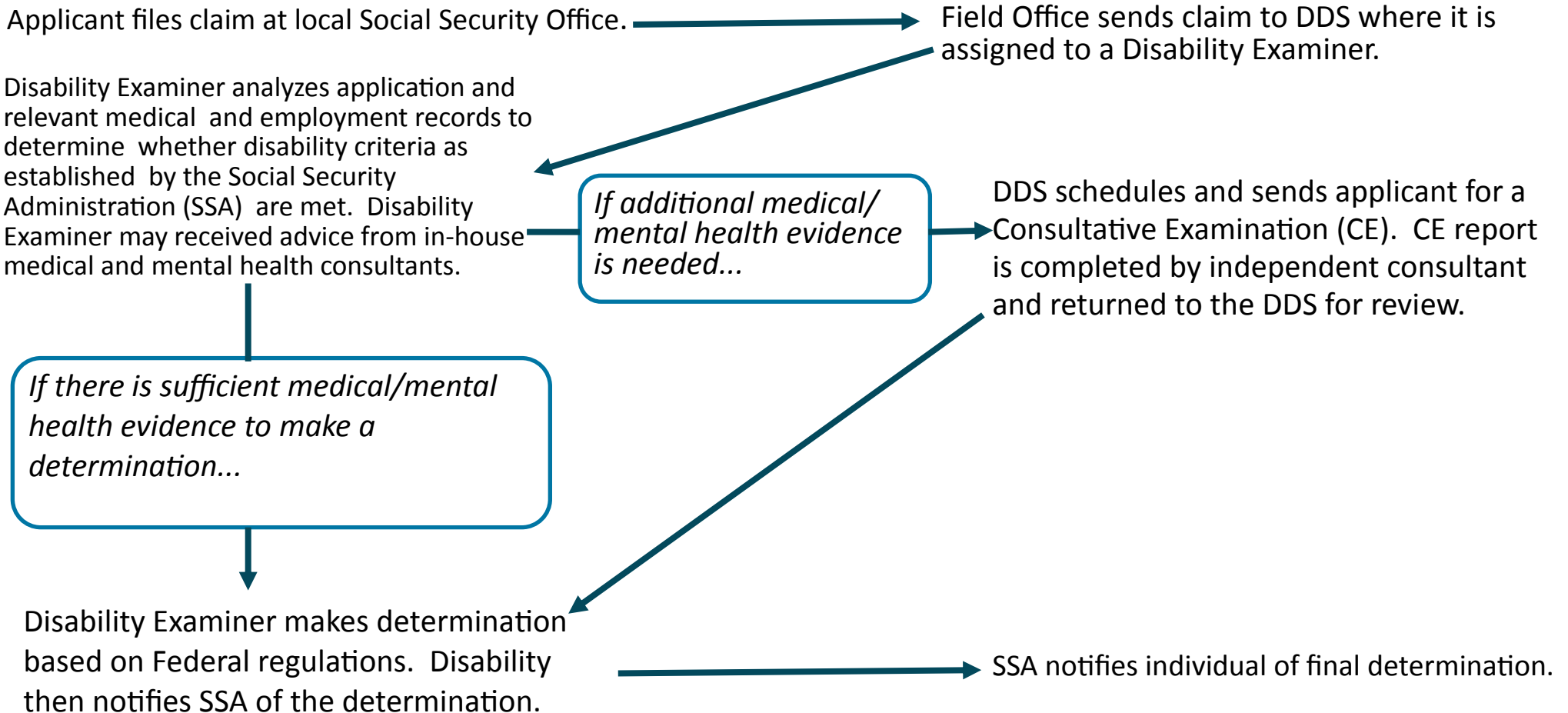


Disability Determination Services (DDS)

Social Security Disability Claim Process



Disability Examiner:

DDS employee who reviews SSA Disability application and may contact applicant for more information about disability.

Medical/Mental Health Consultant:

Licensed doctor, contracted by DDS, who helps assess the applicant's physical or mental disability.

Consultative Examination (CE):

Exam that may be ordered and paid for by DDS to gather more information about the applicant's disability.