

## Chapter 3: National Objectives

### Definition of Severely Disabled

Persons are considered severely disabled if they:

Use a wheelchair or another special aid for 6 months or longer;

Are unable to perform one or more functional activities (seeing, hearing, having one's speech understood, lifting and carrying, walking up a flight of stairs and walking);

Need assistance with activities of daily living (getting around inside the home, getting in or out of bed or a chair, bathing, dressing, eating and toileting) or instrumental activities or daily living (going outside the home, keeping track of money or bills, preparing meals, doing light housework and using the telephone);

Are prevented from working at a job or doing housework;

Have a selected condition including autism, cerebral palsy, Alzheimer's disease, senility or dementia or mental retardation; or

Are under 65 years of age and are covered by Medicare or receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI).