Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

- Need to be disabled according to Social Security guidelines
  AND
- Have recent work history

SSDI and SSI

SSDI – disability and work credits
Dependants may receive benefits as well
Medicare eligibility (24 months)

SSI – disability and limited income and resources
Dependent benefits are not payable
Medicaid eligibility

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Pays benefits to children and adults with disabilities who have limited income and resources

Program provides assistance to meet basic needs for food, clothing and shelter
Supplemental Security Income

Who is eligible for SSI?

- Aged (age 65 or older)
- Blind (at any age)
- Disabled (at any age)

SSI Benefits for Children

- Resource limits
  - $4,000 if living with 1 parent
  - $5,000 if living with 2 parents
  - $2,000 if living with other than parents
- We count
  - bank accounts (including CDs & IRAs)
  - second car
  - stocks and bonds, 401Ks
  - liquid assets
  - property other than where you live

Determining Disability for Children Under Age 18

- Must have a physical or mental impairment (or combination) that results in marked and severe limitation in functioning
- Condition must be expected to last at least 12 months or result in death

SSI Benefits for Children

- We don’t count as resources:
  - home in which family lives
  - first car
  - burial plots
  - some resources set aside for burial

SSI Benefits for Children

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays monthly benefits to disabled children living in households with limited income and resources.
- For eligibility, we look at the income and assets of parent(s) living in the household and those of the child (under age 18) who is disabled.

When the Child Reaches Age 18

- We no longer count the income and resources of parent(s) for eligibility
- If the child continues to live with parent(s) but does not pay for food or shelter, a lower SSI payment may apply
- We make a new disability determination using the adult rules
Medicaid

- People who qualify for SSI also qualify for Medicaid
- Your local medical assistance office will contact you for additional information the agency needs for qualification

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Apply For Disability Benefits - Child (Under Age 18)

To apply for a child...
You will need to complete an Application for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) AND a Child Disability Report. The report collects information about the child’s disabling condition and how it affects his/her ability to function.
At this time, only the Child Disability Report can be completed online. Please contact us to schedule an appointment to complete the SSI application. We will help you in person or by phone.

Steps To Apply:

1. REVIEW the Child Disability Starter Kit. This kit includes answers to common questions about applying for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for children, and information you need.
2. CONTACT Social Security right away to find out whether the income and resources of the parents and the child are within the allowed limits, and to start the SSI application process.
3. FILL OUT the online Child Disability Report. You should also sign a form that gives the child’s doctor permission to give us information.
4. The Child Disability Report is not complete until we receive the signed doctor’s statement. Once we have the completed report, we will make a decision.

What You Can Complete Online

Disability Benefits for Children
You can complete the Child Disability Report (Form SSA-3820)
Call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or contact your local Social Security office to set up an appointment to complete the rest of the application in person or over the phone.
Authorization to Disclose Information (SSA 827)

The SSA-827 gives permission to healthcare providers, schools and others to provide records to Social Security and the DDS.

What Happens Next

- Social Security will forward the application to the state Disability Determination Services (DDS) agency
- The DDS will contact the medical providers to obtain medical records
- The DDS may ask for additional information about how the condition affects daily activities

If the Claim is Approved

An award notice is sent explaining:

- When the benefits start and monthly benefit amounts
- Information your client needs to report to us (Examples: work activity, medical improvement)
- When the case will be reviewed
- What to do if there are any questions

Medicaid

- People who qualify for SSI also qualify for Medicaid
- The local medical assistance office will contact for additional information the agency needs for qualification

If the Claim is Denied

A denial notice is sent explaining:

- The denial determination
- The 60 day appeal period
- File the appeal online at www.socialsecurity.gov

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*my Social Security* is an easy-to-access, easy-to-use portal to view and update some of your own Social Security information.

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**Who Can Create a my Social Security Account?**

You must be at least 18 years old and have:

- A valid E-mail address;
- A Social Security number; and
- A U.S. mailing address.

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**my Social Security Services**

If you don’t get benefits, you can—

- View, save, and print your online Social Security Statement.

If you do get benefits you can—

- Get your benefit verification letter;
- Check your benefit and payment information and your earnings record;
- Change your address and phone number; and
- Start or change your direct deposit.

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