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Does Your Injury Make You Eligible for Benefits?

Having a medical condition that keeps you from working can cause substantial financial hardships for you and your family. If you qualify for Social Security disability benefits, you may receive monthly cash payments that can help cover medical costs and other expenses. The Social Security Administration (SSA) determines if you are eligible by analyzing several factors such as:



1. Age
2. Status of the medical condition
3. Work experience
4. Education

According to the Social Security Act, you are considered "disabled" if:

1. The medical condition is expected to last at least a year or result in death;
2. Interferes with the ability to perform your job; and
3. Prevents you from completing other basic work-related activities. Physical and/or mental impairments may constitute a disability.

In order to apply for benefits, you must submit a disability application and medical documents to the Social Security Administration.

How You Can Appeal a Denial

You have the right to file an appeal if the Social Security Administration denied your disability claim. In order to successfully request an appeal, the strict deadlines and procedures must be followed. If your application is denied, be sure to:

1. Request that the decision be reconsidered;
2. File a Request for Reconsideration online; or

Filling out paper versions of the appropriate forms and mailing or dropping them off at the local Social Security office is another option.

The next step in the appellate process is requesting a hearing with an administrative law judge by:



1. Submit the request online or mail it; or
2. If you disagree with the judge's decision, fill out and mail a Request for Review of
3. Hearing Decision -an Appeals Council will review the case.

If the Appeals Council reaches an unfavorable decision, you can file a civil lawsuit against the Social Security Administration in district court.

What You Should Know About Claim Evaluations

Social Security disability benefits are granted to people who are unable to work because they have a medical condition that will last for at least one year or result in death. After a disability application is submitted, it is assigned to a claims examiner who works at a Disability Determination Agency within your state. While evaluating an application, the claims examiner must determine if you fulfill the "disability" criteria by analyzing information regarding:



1. What your medical condition is;
2. When the medical condition started;
3. How long the medical condition is expected to last;
4. How the medical condition limits your ability to perform basic work-related activities; and
5. The treatment plan.

If you receive a notice stating that your claim is denied, you can appeal the decision by filing a request for reconsideration. You can request a hearing with an administrative law judge if you still don't receive a favorable decision.

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