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Winning Social Security Disability Claims

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Want to know how to get approved for Social Security Disability benefits? The key to winning a legitimate SSDI claim is preparation, organization and perseverance.



"Listing Level Impairments"

approved, and some never get approved. The problem is that to the Social Security Administration, you're just a number. These employees deal with thousands of cases every week. You have to convince Social Security that you honestly cannot work any longer. How do you do this? First of all, by preparation. Make sure that everything is documented – identify all the medications you've been taking, all your doctor visits, and all of your medical care. When any of your health care professionals assess your condition, get it in writing. It's also important to find a doctor who believes in you. If you have a condition like fibromyalgia, for example, you can't prove it with a blood test, an x-ray, or an MRI. Social Security

You've probably heard all the horror stories about how hard it is to get approved for Social Security Disability Insurance, also known as SSDI. Many people who claim to have extremely debilitating illnesses and conditions might take years to get



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Social Security Appeal

With SSDI, there are several levels of appeals. Almost everyone gets turned down on the initial application, and many are refused the second time when filing on their own. Your odds of securing SSDI the first time greatly increase with our services. Don't let the Social Security appeal process discourage you! Call us.

Listing of Level Impairments, Changes effective 04/05/2013

Added:

11.00, *Neurological* ; 12.00, *Mental Disorders*; 13.00, *Malignant Neoplastic Diseases*; 14.00, *Immune System Disorders*.

Disability does award payment for such conditions, but they're harder to prove. It's easier to prove if you've been seeing a doctor who specializes in your condition. Social Security Disability has "listing level impairments" that they go by. But you don't have to have one of these conditions or illnesses to get approved. You might have a combination of lesser impairments that will get you approved.

An important note; be honest. If you truly are unable to work due to your medical condition, you will be approved by SSDI. If you can work, but the amount of hours you're able to work is less than forty a week, this also may qualify you as disabled.

Please be mindful that in order to get approved for SSDI, you have to be deemed unable to work *any* job - not just the job you've had in the past. We obtain the necessary information to establish permanent disability to submit to SSDI on your behalf.

Once you get approved for SSDI, you'll get a check that includes back payments. After that, you'll get a monthly check on a specified day.

Perserverance pays off.



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