

Social Security Applications, Appeals, Terminations and Overpayments



Land of Lincoln Legal Aid

Health Security




Treating the Epidemic of Poverty

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or

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A monthly check to you -



FOR THE BEST
YOUR
BEGIN
WHEN YOU
65

ACCOUNT NUMBER
promptly

APPLICATIONS BEING
DISTRIBUTED AT ALL WORK PLACES

Your monthly Social Security check

WHO IS ELIGIBLE. EVERYBODY WHO HAS PAID SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES ON HIS OR HER SALARY OR WAGES (WITH ONLY A FEW EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS AGING ALLOWANCES, UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, AND GOVERNMENT WORK). APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH EMPLOYERS. IF YOU DO NOT GET ONE FROM YOUR EMPLOYER, ASK FOR ONE AT THE POST OFFICE.

HOW TO RETURN APPLICATION

1. HAND IT BACK TO YOUR EMPLOYER, *or*
2. HAND IT TO ANY LABOR ORGANIZATION OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER, *or*
3. HAND IT TO YOUR LETTER CARRIER, *or*
4. DELIVER IT TO LOCAL POST OFFICE, *or*
5. MAIL IT IN A SEALED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED: POSTMASTER, LOCAL SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535.

DO IT NOW, NO POSTAGE NEEDED.

- Social Security Board

INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED AT ANY POST OFFICE

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+ *lifeline* +



Supplemental Security Income

- Indigent; Income and Asset limit
- No significant work history
- Set benefit amount, currently \$914

Social Security Disability

- No financial/asset requirement
- Work History
- Benefit amount is based on your work history



- **Call: 1-800-772-1213.**
 - **What happens when they call?** A phone appointment will be made for a later date to finalize the application through a telephone interview.
- **Online:** ssa.gov
- Initial Contact = **Protected Filing Date.**
- **Remember...** Land of Lincoln does NOT complete Social Security applications.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO:

File a Written Application

Receive a Written Decision

File an Appeal

Time to Appeal:

65 Days from the date on the Notice.

Receive a Fair Hearing



WHAT CAN BE APPEALED?

Denial of Benefits

Reduction or Suspension of Benefits

Termination or Discontinuance of Benefits

Benefit Amount

Any adverse action or inaction



DENIED

Social Security Disability Form

(Sponsor's SSN) (SSN or ID) (SSN) (ID) OTHER 1a. I.D. NUMBER

3. BIRTH DATE MM DD YY SEX 4. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

6. (Street) STAT

SOCIAL SECURITY



60 Days

File an Appeal

Benefits

TERMINATED

REDUCED!!

10/60 Days

File an Appeal



Termination of Benefits based on Medical Improvement determined through a Continuing Disability Review

- Can occur from as soon as 12 months or up to 7 years after being found disabled.
- You can continue to receive benefits through the appeal process if you appeal within 10 days and request it (but may face an overpayment).
- You must cooperate with this process or face termination.

If your patient is awarded disability benefits, it is VERY important that they continue their medical treatment and appointments so they are prepared for a continuing disability review.



**OVER
PAID!**



OVERPAID

30/60 Days



File an Appeal

Overpayments

Appeals

- An appeal challenges the determination that an overpayment occurred.
- 65-day time limit to appeal.
- If appealed within 10 days, the collection of the overpayment will not begin until the appeal rights have been completed.

Waiver

- Acceptance that the overpayment is accurate.
- No time limit to seek waiver.
- Waiver should be sought within 30 days to prevent collection of the overpayment.
- Must show lack of fault and an inability to repay the overpayment.
- May also negotiate a payment plan to pay back the overpayment.

Refer
a patient



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PATIENT

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MEDICAL LEGAL
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of southern Illinois

**Secure your
Patient's Health**



<https://youtu.be/1s9JhDCaPzw?t=87>

(MLPSI Client Story from 1:27 – 2:40)

Questions?



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