

WHAT WOULD MY HEALTH ADVOCATES' ATTORNEY DO TO REPRESENT ME AND HELP ME WIN MY CASE?

Every disability case is different and your attorney's role depends on the particular facts of your case. In most cases, your attorney and the staff at Health Advocates will:

- Assist you with completing and submitting the application and all SSA forms
- Contact your Local SSA District and/or Office of Hearing Operations (OHO) to confirm that everything was received and is being processed timely and expeditiously
- Request and submit to SSA all medical records and other evidence
- Analyze and process your case under SSA regulations
- Contact and send your doctor Physical/Mental Residual Capacity Assessment forms for completion to support your claim
- Obtain and review all documents from your SSA file, including information submitted on prior applications and review SSA actions
- Review actions taken by the SSA to confirm if regulations were followed and that the decisions made relating to your case were correct
- Request that a prior application for benefits be reopened if applicable
- Submit "Good Cause" letter to SSA when a time limit or deadline was missed if we can establish good cause for late filing
- Submit "Dire Needs" letter and/or "On The Record" request to SSA to try and expedite an early decision on your case
- Send Field Representatives to the office of your medical provider(s) in order to copy/scan your medical records and submit them to SSA
- Advise you how to best prepare yourself to testify at your hearing
- Protect your right to a fair hearing by ensuring you have an attorney at your hearing
- Cross-examine adverse witnesses at your hearing
- Present an opening and closing statement
- Submit a written summary of the evidence and argument to the Administrative Law Judge
- Make sure the SSA correctly calculates your cash benefits, if you win, AND timely activates your Medi-Cal/Medicare benefits
- File a complaint in federal court against SSA if you are unfairly denied benefits



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ABOUT HEALTH ADVOCATES

Founded in 1990, Health Advocates has assisted hundreds of thousands of uninsured mentally and/or physically disabled persons win their Medi-Cal and SSI/SSDI claims. As one of the nation's largest and most successful disability companies, we employ hundreds of highly-trained bi-lingual advocates, including multiple specialized disability lawyers to assist you in winning your case. We have multiple offices and we are driven to provide you with quality service that is unmatched by any other attorney disability office locally or nationally. By selecting us as your representative, you are dramatically increasing your chances for success, for receiving monthly payment(s) from Social Security, and for obtaining your Medi-Cal and/or Medicare benefits.

We provide you with a no-cost, no-obligation disability screening by one of our highly trained bi-lingual disability advocates who will speak confidentially to you or your loved ones to determine your eligibility. Once we get started, most of our services are provided over the telephone, electronically and/or through the mail.

We will help complete and submit all of the SSA required forms, as well as gather relevant medical records and other documentation required to build a winning case. Your SSI/SSDI Advocate will monitor and keep you informed of your case progress. Furthermore, we get paid only if you get paid! There are no up-front costs and we only charge a one-time fee, if your claim is approved.

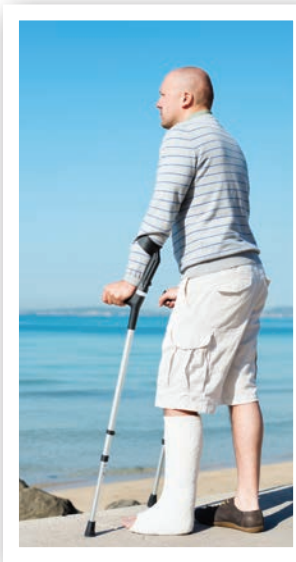
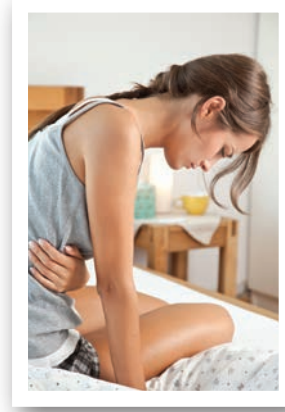


WHAT ARE SSI AND SSDI DISABILITY BENEFITS?

SSI and SSDI are disability benefit programs run by Social Security Administration (SSA). Both programs pay **monthly cash benefits** to people with disabilities that will last twelve (12) or more months and who cannot maintain substantial and gainful employment. To get SSI and SSDI benefits, you must be **disabled under SSA's rules**.

WHAT IS THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SSI AND SSDI?

SSI is for people with disabilities who have low income and assets less than \$2,000 or \$3,000, if married. You can receive SSI if you have never worked. If approved for SSI, you will also receive Medi-Cal benefits.



SSDI is for people with disabilities who have a recent work history. Usually, you need to have worked 5 out of the last 10 years to receive SSDI. The amount of SSDI you receive if you win your case, depends on your past earnings. SSDI has no income or asset limits. If approved for SSDI, you will also receive Medicare benefits after a 24-month waiting period.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

It is important for you to develop your case as accurately and completely as possible. These are some of the areas that SSA will take into account as you are reviewed for disability benefits. Being as thorough as possible on the areas below is critical for strengthening your case:

- Medical Condition(s)
- Medical History
- Medical Records
- Physical Abilities
- Mental Abilities
- Education and Training
- Past Relevant Work Experience
- Daily Activities

DO I NEED AN ATTORNEY?

Research shows that a large majority of SSI/SSDI cases are denied upon application and require additional appeals and/or a hearing. Although the informality of the hearing makes it possible for some claimants to represent themselves, statistics have shown that people represented by attorneys have been successful more often than people without attorney representation. Whether you hire an attorney is entirely up to you, but you are significantly increasing your odds of being approved for benefits if you hire the right attorney to assist you.

