

Applying for Disability

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Making the Decision to File

- **Health Considerations**
- **Financial Considerations**
- **Emotional Considerations**

The Filing Process

Online or in person?



Our Suggested Checklist for Filing

- ❖ Filling Out the SSI and SSDI Forms
- ❖ State Funding / Programs
- ❖ Support Letter (after first denial)
- ❖ Doctor's Support Letters
- ❖ (Condition) Research
- ❖ (Condition) Doctor's Evaluation
- ❖ Medical Records
- ❖ Approved Cases in State
- ❖ Daily Journal (with all listings)

Early Approval is Possible!

Listing of condition under SSA regulations



Residual Functional Capacity

An individual's residual functional capacity is his or her ability to do physical and mental work activities on a sustained basis despite limitations from his or her impairments.

All of the impairments must be considered, including impairments that are not severe.

Stages of Appeal

- **Reconsideration**
- **Hearing**
- **Appeals Counsel**
- **U.S. District Court**



Administrative Hearings

- **Preparation**
- **Witnesses**
- **Medical Experts**
- **Vocational Experts**



Questions?

A woman with glasses, wearing a white blazer and light-colored pants, is sitting on a brown couch. She is looking at a laptop computer. In the background, two men in light-colored shirts are standing and talking. The scene is set in a bright, modern interior with large windows and green plants. The image is framed by a blue border with a white box containing the text 'Questions?'.



*Don't be discouraged,
We are here to help!*

A young man with dark hair and a beard is smiling broadly. He is wearing a brown t-shirt with a graphic that says 'Mr. Unemployed'. The background is a plain, light-colored wall. The image is framed by a blue border with a white box containing the text 'Don't be discouraged, We are here to help!'.

