

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**

Contingent Fee

**25% of retroactive payments
with a maximum of \$6,000**

Questions?



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



Thanks for listening!

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