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& PERSONAL INJURY**
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Our team has helped countless individuals fight for—and receive—the Social Security disability benefits they deserve. And not just for adults. The attorneys and staff at Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, has the experience and expertise needed to help obtain benefits for children with disabilities, as well.

We've included an article in this month's Social Security newsletter with an overview of benefits for children with disabilities, including a list of some of the conditions that qualify for immediate benefits. It's important to note that, if your child has one of the qualifying conditions, he or she will get SSI payments right away. If the state agency ultimately decides that your child's disability is not severe enough for SSI, you won't have to pay back the SSI payments that your child got.

In addition to the article on children and disability benefits, we have included one on qualifying for and receiving benefits if you are blind or have low vision. Be sure to contact us if you have any questions on disability benefits for any reason. We are always happy to share our knowledge and help you in the fight for the Social Security benefits you



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or a loved one deserve. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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DISABILITY FOR CHILDREN

Your child, if younger than age 18, can qualify for disability benefits if he or she has a physical or mental condition, or combination of conditions, that meets Social Security's definition of disability for children, and if his or her income and resources fall within the eligibility limits. The amount of the payment is different from state-to-state because some states add to the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) payment.

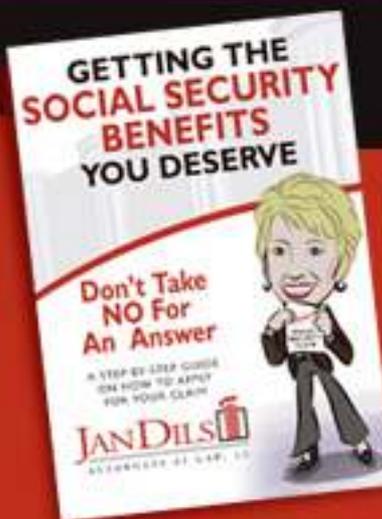
SSI rules about income and resources

Social Security considers your child's income and resources when deciding if your child is eligible for SSI. They also consider the income and resources of family members living in the child's household. These rules apply if your child lives at home. They also apply if he or she is away at school but returns home from time to time and is subject to your control.

If your child's income and resources, or the income and resources of family members living in the child's household, are more than the amount allowed, Social Security will deny the child's application for SSI payments. They also limit the monthly SSI payment to \$30 when a child is in a medical facility, and health insurance pays for his or her care.

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SSI rules about disability

Your child must meet all of the following requirements to be considered disabled and, therefore, eligible for SSI:

- The child must not be working and earning more than \$1,130 a month in 2016. (This earnings amount usually changes every year.)
- The child must have a physical or mental condition, or a combination of conditions, that result in “marked and severe functional limitations.” This means that the condition(s) must very seriously limit your child’s activities.
- The child’s condition(s) must have been disabling, or be expected to be disabling, for at least 12 months; or the condition(s) must be expected to result in death.

Providing information about your child’s condition

When you apply for SSI payments for your child based on a disability, you will be asked for detailed information about the child’s medical condition and about how it affects his or her ability to perform daily activities. You will also be asked to give permission to the doctors, teachers, therapists, and other professionals who have information about your child’s condition to send the information to Social Security.

The state agency may take three to five months to decide if your child meets the criteria for disability. For some medical conditions, however, SSI payments may be made right away, and for up to six months, while the state agency decides if your child has a qualifying disability. If your child has one of the qualifying conditions, he or she will get SSI payments right away. These are some of the conditions that may qualify:

- HIV infection
- Total blindness
- Total deafness
- Cerebral palsy
- Down syndrome
- Muscular dystrophy
- Severe intellectual disability (child age 7 or older)
- Birth weight below 2 pounds, 10 ounces



SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BLIND OR HAVE LOW VISION

If you're blind, Social Security has special rules that allow you to receive benefits when you are unable to work. Benefits are paid to people who are blind under two programs: the Social Security Disability Insurance program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. The medical rules used to decide whether you are blind are the same for each program. Other rules are different, as explained for each program below.



You can get disability benefits if you're blind

You may qualify for Social Security or SSI disability benefits if you're blind. Social Security considers you to be blind if your vision can't be corrected to better than 20/200 in your better eye or if your visual field is 20 degrees or less in your better eye.

You can get disability benefits even if you're not blind

If your vision doesn't meet Social Security's definition of blindness, you may still qualify for disability benefits if your vision problems alone, or combined with other health problems, prevent you from working. For Social Security disability benefits, you must also have worked long enough in a job where you paid Social Security taxes. For SSI payments based on disability and blindness, you need not have worked, but your income and resources must be under certain dollar limits.

How you qualify for Social Security disability benefits

When you work and pay Social Security taxes, you earn credits that

count toward future Social Security benefits. If you're blind, you can earn credits anytime during your working years. Credits for your work after you become blind can be used to qualify you for benefits if you don't have enough credits at the time you become blind. Also, if you don't have enough credits to get Social Security disability benefits based on your own earnings, you may be able to get benefits based on the earnings of one of your parents or your spouse.

Source: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10052.pdf>

Jan Dils keeps you updated on Social Security disability benefits news and important issues that matter the most. We not only focus on Social Security Disability, we also provide legal assistance for Veterans Disability Benefits. We understand the claims process and specialize in making sure Veterans receive the proper representation needed for receiving benefits. For more information on our Veterans Disability services, please visit www.fight4vets.com

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