

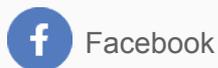
Jan Dils August Social Security Newsletter

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It's hard to believe we are getting ready for back to school. Then the holidays are here before we know it! Of course, while it's fun to anticipate all the wonderful food and presents that may await us, it can also be a sad time or financial burden for many families. Give from your heart and remember, the holidays are not about "extravagance." However, if you are looking to make a little extra money, the holidays can also be a great time to pick up seasonal work. This newsletter tells you what you can expect from a social security perspective.

And speaking of how time flies, the Social Security Administration celebrated its 62nd anniversary this year. This world has seen so much change since 1956. What did we do before cell phones and GPS? I personally have a love-hate relationship with technology. For all of us at Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law, we like connecting one-on-one with our clients and their families – seeing their faces and hearing their voices. That's why we *always* encourage you to pick up the phone and give us a call. We also continue to send out "old-fashioned" print newsletters,

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[Long Term Disability and Your Social Security Disability Claim](#)

[What Everyone Needs to Know About Social Security Disability Video Hearings](#)

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knowing that many of our clients like to save them as a resource. We do, however, acknowledge the upsides of technology as it relates to our customer service and, most importantly, how it is reducing wait times at Social Security. The second article in this e-news provides information and some helpful links.

In closing, we are all about your convenience, without ever losing sight of the personal touch. You can contact us by [clicking here](#) or by calling 877.526.3457 and reaching a real person! We'd love to hear from you.

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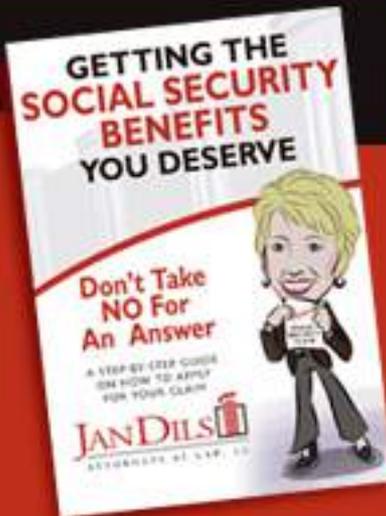
THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SEASONAL WORK AND SOCIAL SECURITY



So, it is just August, but if the summer is any indication, time sure does fly. Around Halloween, stores and businesses begin advertising that they're looking for seasonal workers. It's a good way to make extra income during the busy holiday season. We know you may have some

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questions about seasonal work and how it affects your work record, especially as it relates to your Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). We are here to answer your top three questions about seasonal work.

Do I earn credits toward future Social Security benefits if I get a job during the holidays?

Yes, your seasonal earnings count toward your future benefits. You earn Social Security credits when you work in a job and pay Social Security taxes. The Social Security Administration uses your total yearly earnings to figure your [Social Security credits](#).

I get Social Security benefits. Will seasonal work affect my benefits?

You can get Social Security retirement or survivor's benefits and work at the same time. But if you're younger than full retirement age, and earn more than certain amounts, [your benefits will be reduced](#). Your benefits will increase when you reach full retirement age.



If you receive Social Security disability benefits or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), special rules make it possible for people to work and still receive monthly payments. If you want to try working again, seasonal work may help you ease back into the work force. If you're ready to work again, or would like to try this holiday season, read [Working While Disabled](#).

How do I make sure my seasonal wages are posted correctly?

Your personal [my Social Security](#) account is the easiest and most efficient way to verify your earnings. If you don't have an account, create one today. Your personal [my Social Security](#) account puts you in the driver's seat of your personal record. You can view your *Social Security Statement*, request a replacement card, report your wages if you're getting disability, and more! If you have any questions, you can visit the Social Security [website](#). Of course if you are disabled and have any issues navigating the complexities of SSDI, please don't hesitate to

contact [Jan Dils, Attorneys at Law](#). We are here for you.

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<https://blog.ssa.gov/three-things-you-need-to-know-about-seasonal-work-and-social-security/>



While Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) dates back 62 years – yes, old enough to start getting its own social security – it’s worth noting some of the ways the program has evolved over time. A lot has changed since Disability Insurance started in 1956. The Social Security Administration (SSA) continuously works to ensure programs keep pace with rapid changes in medical care, healthcare delivery models, assistive technology, and workplace requirements.

Medical care: Disability programs have strict eligibility criteria, and beneficiaries must have severe impairments. For many of the most severe impairments, the SSA relies on comprehensive [listings](#) of disabling conditions to make its decisions. Listings are updated periodically to keep pace with advancements in medical care and assistive technologies. This year, the SSA published comprehensive updates to the medical listings for respiratory, neurological, and mental disorders.

Technology: Medical records are essential for making disability determinations, and each year the SSA makes nearly 15 million

requests for records from healthcare providers and organizations to make medical decisions on about three million disability claims. Now, participating healthcare organizations send the SSA medical records electronically through [health information technology](#). With electronic records transmission, the SSA can obtain medical records in seconds or minutes. That lets the SSA obtain a claimant's medical record, review it with the aid of Automated Decision Support (ADS), and make a determination faster than ever before. The SSA currently can receive electronic medical records from about 7,000 healthcare facilities across the country and are adding new providers and facilities on an ongoing basis.



Healthcare delivery: Because the SSA relies heavily on medical evidence, they adjust policies to keep up with changing healthcare delivery models. For example, the SSA is looking into the types of medical professionals that frequently provide care, and are considering whether [telehealth](#) – such as providing healthcare consultations remotely by video – might improve the medical evidence gathered for certain populations. However, be sure and read Jon's blog [“What Everyone Needs to Know about Social Security Video Hearings,”](#) first.

Updating vocational Information: By law, the SSA must consider an applicant to be disabled if their medical condition prevents them from doing any job in the national economy, given the applicant's age, education, and work experience. That means the SSA needs detailed information about the physical and mental requirements of a wide range of occupations in the national economy. The SSA works with the Bureau of Labor Statistics to update this information and keep pace with the changing world of work.

Of course, we work closely with the disabled communities every day, advocating for rights and compensation. The SSA is a very large, often bureaucratic agency. We are experienced in making sure our clients never get caught up in the system or fall through the cracks. If you have questions, we have answers. Just give us a call at **1.877.JANDILS**.

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<https://blog.ssa.gov/keeping-our-disability-programs-updated/>

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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