

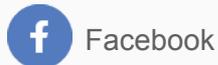
Jan Dils October Social Security Newsletter

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Our clients living with disabilities are brave. Life can be hard enough without the extra challenges that come with a disability. But let's not forget our children (often with caregivers) transitioning into adulthood. Did you know that, historically, about one-third of children lose their Supplemental Security Income (SSI) eligibility following the age-18 redetermination? We hope this article prepares our youth and their families for the process ahead. Of course, we are here to answer questions and present an appeal should you receive an unfair assessment.

On a "good news" front, we are providing an update on conditions that now fall under the Compassionate Allowance List and can be fast-tracked. These conditions are very serious and debilitating. The clock should not tick, and tick, and tick when you or a loved one has what can be a life-threatening disease or disorder. We have also included a link to a full list of Compassionate Allowances conditions.



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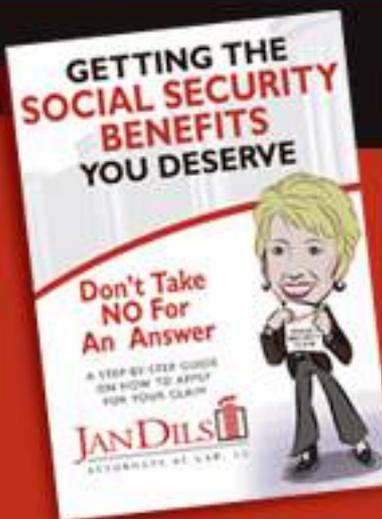
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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) WHEN YOU TURN 18



This article is for youth who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and their parents, teachers, health providers, caregivers, or representatives. Your SSI could change when you turn 18 as you prepare to transition to higher education and employment.

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The Age-18 Redetermination

When you turn 18, Social Security will review your eligibility for continued SSI benefits based on disability rules for adults, including nonmedical eligibility rules. Social Security Administration (SSA) will generally contact you within a year of turning age 18. This review is called the age-18 redetermination. During this medical review, SSA will send you a letter to ask for the following information about your disability:

- Names of any medicines
- Hospital stays and surgeries
- Visits to doctors and clinics
- Work activity
- Counseling and therapy
- Schools and special classes or tutoring
- Teachers and counselors who have knowledge of your condition.



Doctors and other trained staff will decide if you meet the disability rules for adults. The SSA's disability rules for adults are different from our disability rules for children. Historically, about one-third of children lose their SSI eligibility following the age-18 redetermination. When the SSA decides, they will write and let you know the decision. The letter also will explain your right to appeal the decision – that is, ask SSA to look at your case again. You must send a written appeal to Social Security within 60 days from the date you receive your letter. If you appeal the decision within 10 days of receiving the letter, you can also choose to have the SSA continue to pay SSI benefits during the appeal process.

Of course, this can be daunting for families with children that have used these benefits for healthcare, transportation and other important services. At Jan Dils, we are here for all families. If you are a youth with a disability or are a caregiver of someone receiving SSI, and need guidance upon receiving the letter or an appeal, do not hesitate to [contact us](#).



We have written newsletters and blogs about the Compassionate Allowance list before. Here is the most recent update.

Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, announced five new Compassionate Allowance conditions: Fibrolamellar Cancer, Megacystis Microcolon Intestinal Hypoperistalsis Syndrome (MMIHS), Megalencephaly Capillary Malformation Syndrome (MCAP), Superficial Siderosis of the Central Nervous System, and Tetrasomy 18p. Compassionate Allowances is a program to quickly identify medical conditions and serious diseases that meet Social Security’s standards for disability benefits.

“For nearly a decade, the Compassionate Allowance list has helped us identify and fast-track cases where individuals have diseases that are most likely to be approved for disability benefits,” said Acting Commissioner Berryhill. “Social Security is committed to ensuring Americans with qualifying disabilities quickly receive the benefits they need.”



The Compassionate Allowances program identifies claims where the applicant's disease or condition clearly meets Social Security's statutory standard for disability. Due to the severe nature of many of these conditions, these claims are often allowed based on medical confirmation of the diagnosis alone. To date, over 500,000 people with serious disabilities have been approved through this fast-track policy-compliant disability process. The list has grown to a total of 233 conditions, including diseases such as Pancreatic Cancer, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), and Acute Leukemia.

The agency incorporates leading technology to easily identify potential Compassionate Allowances and make quick decisions. For disability cases not covered by this program, Social Security's Health IT brings the speed and efficiency of electronic medical records to the disability determination process. When a person applies for disability benefits, Social Security must obtain medical records in order to make an accurate determination. It may take weeks for healthcare organizations to provide records for the applicant's case. With electronic records transmission, Social Security is able to quickly obtain a claimant's medical information, review it, and make a determination faster than ever before.

For more information about the program, including a list of all Compassionate Allowances conditions, please visit www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances.

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