

Social Security Disability Denials — Getting the SSA to Reconsider Your Claim

When applying for Social Security Disability benefits, denials are frequently a part of the process, especially when a disabled individual applies for disability without help from an attorney. This is because most people don't understand what needs to be submitted to the Social Security Administration. An attorney experienced in disability claims, however, knows precisely what needs to be presented.

Unfortunately, individuals frequently attempt to file their initial application with the Social Security Administration (SSA) without the help of a qualified attorney or other representative. This mistake frequently results in an application that does not address all the legal criteria for a finding of disability and results in a Social Security Disability denial.

Fortunately, getting the Social Security Administration to reconsider your application may be easier than you think. The SSA will re-evaluate a claim if there is new evidence supporting it. The list below identifies common types of evidence often missed on an initial application that are likely to get your claim reconsidered by the Social Security Administration. An attorney can help you identify the items most relevant to your disability and help you obtain them.

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- Documentation of symptoms and how they prevent you from working
- Medical records, particularly from a specialist, attesting to your condition and its impact on your ability to work
- Letter or report from a physician stating that your condition impairs your ability to work, preferably from a medical specialist
- Letters from friends or family attesting to your disability and describing how it impairs your ability to work — this is especially important for mental and emotional impairments and other disabilities that don't have an obvious physical cause, like an injury

It is very important that these items be obtained and presented correctly in order to avoid a Social Security Disability denial or to convince the SSA to reconsider your case. For this reason, whenever you are dealing with the Social Security Administration, an attorney should be involved in order to minimize frustration and avoid unnecessary delays in receiving your benefits.

If you're dealing with a Social Security Disability denial or are planning to apply for disability, help from an experienced attorney is available. If you'd like to find out how our firm can help you, **call us directly at 773-989-9899 to schedule a . Or call toll free: (866) 7018-8222.**

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