

Social Security Administration  
RETIREMENT, SURVIVORS, AND DISABILITY INSURANCE  
SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME  
Notice of Disapproved Claims

Telephone: (866) 563-4595

Date: May 23, 2012

Claim Number: [REDACTED]

We are writing about your claims for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits. Based on a review of your health problems you do not qualify for benefits on either claim. This is because you are not disabled or blind under our rules.

#### EXPLANATION OF DETERMINATION

The following reports were used to decide your claim:

[REDACTED] HEALTH CENTER - report received 04/17/2012  
[REDACTED] REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - report received 04/06/2012  
[REDACTED] CTR/PATIENT DATA SVCS - report received 04/04/2012  
[REDACTED] - report received 04/26/2012  
[REDACTED] - report received 04/02/2012

We have determined that your condition is not severe enough to keep you from working. We considered the medical and other information, your age, education, training and work experience in determining how your condition affects your ability to work.

Your condition results in some limitations in your ability to perform work related activities. However, these limitations do not prevent you from performing work you have done in the past as a cashier. We have determined that your condition is not severe enough to keep you from working. We considered the medical, other information, and work experience in determining how your condition affects your ability to work.

If your condition gets worse and keeps you from working, write, call or visit any Social Security office about filing another application.

#### ABOUT THE DECISIONS

Specially trained staff, who had doctors available to discuss your case, looked at your case and made these decisions. They work for your State but used our rules.

Please remember that there are many types of disability programs, both government and private, which use different rules. A person may be receiving benefits under another program and still not be entitled under our rules. This may be true in your case.

## **RULES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY**

You must meet certain rules to qualify for Social Security disability benefits:

For Disabled Worker's Benefits:

You must have the required work credits and your health problems must:

- / keep you from doing any kind of substantial work (described below), and
- / last, or be expected to last, for at least 12 months in a row, or result in death.

## **RULES FOR SSI DISABILITY AND BLINDNESS**

You must meet certain rules to qualify for SSI payments based on disability:

For Payment As A Disabled Adult:

If you are age 18 or older your health problem must:

- / keep you from doing any kind of substantial work (described below), and
- / last, or be expected to last, for at least 12 months in a row, or result in death.

You must meet certain rules to qualify for SSI payments based on blindness:

- / your eyesight must be no better than 20/200 in the better eye with the use of a correcting lens, OR
- / your visual fields must be restricted to 20 degrees or less.

You can qualify for SSI benefits due to blindness even if you can do substantial work.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT SUBSTANTIAL WORK**

Generally, substantial work is physical or mental work a person is paid to do. Work can be substantial even if it is part-time. To decide if a person's work is substantial, we consider the nature of the job duties, the skills and experience needed to do the job, and how much the person actually earns.

Usually, we find that work is substantial if gross earnings average over \$940 per month after we deduct allowable amounts. This monthly amount is higher for Social Security disability benefits due to blindness.

The work may be different than before your health problems began. It may not be as hard to do and the pay may be less. However, we may still find that the work is substantial under our rules.

If a person is self-employed, we consider the kind and value of the work, including any part performed in the management of the business, as well as income, to decide if the work is substantial.

## **INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICAID AND OTHER BENEFITS**

Based on the application you filed, you are not entitled to any other benefits besides those you may already be getting. In the future, if you think you may be entitled to other benefits you will need to file again.

Since you are not receiving SSI payments, you are not automatically eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. However, if you need help with medical bills, you still may be eligible for medical assistance. To find out if you are eligible for help you should get in touch with the Department of Social and Health Services.

## IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE DECISIONS

If you disagree with these decisions, you have the right to appeal. We will review your case and consider any new facts you have. A person who did not make the first decision will decide your case.

- / You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- / The 60 days start the day after you get this letter. We assume you got this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not get it within the 5-day period.
- / You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- / You have to ask for an appeal in writing. We will ask you to complete a form SSA-561-U2, called, "Request for Reconsideration". You may contact one of our offices or call 1-800-772-1213 to request this form. Or you may complete this form online at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal>. Contact one of our offices if you want help.
- / In addition, you should complete a "Disability Report - Appeal" to tell us about your medical condition since you filed your claim. You may contact one of our offices or call 1-800-772-1213 to request this form. Or, you may complete this report online after you complete the online Request for Reconsideration.

Please read the enclosed pamphlets, "Your Right to Question the Decision Made on Your Social Security Claim" and "Your Right to Question the Decision Made on Your SSI Claim." They contain more information about appeals.

## NEW APPLICATION

You have the right to file a new application at any time, but filing a new application is not the same as appealing a decision. If you disagree with either of these decisions and you file a new application for Social Security or SSI instead of appealing, you might lose some benefits, or not qualify for any benefits. Also, we could deny the new Social Security application using this decision, if the facts and issues are the same. So, if you disagree with either decision, you should ask for an appeal within 60 days.

## IF YOU WANT HELP WITH YOUR APPEAL

You can have a friend, lawyer or someone else help you. There are groups that can help you find a lawyer or give you free legal services if you qualify. There are also lawyers who do not charge unless you win your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal.

If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire someone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it. And if you hire a lawyer, we will withhold up to 25 percent of any past due Social Security benefits to pay toward the fee. We do not withhold money from SSI benefits to pay your lawyer.

## IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



If you have any questions, you may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local Social Security office at the number shown on page 1. We can answer most questions over the phone. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly.

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