

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME
NOTICE OF RECONSIDERATION

From: Social Security Administration

Date: September 14, 2012
Claim Number: [REDACTED]

Reconsideration Filed: July 9, 2012

Upon receipt of your request for reconsideration we had your claim independently reviewed by a physician and disability examiner in the State agency which works with us in making disability determinations. The evidence in your case has been thoroughly evaluated; this includes the medical evidence and the additional information received since the original decision. We find that the previous determination denying your claim was proper under the law. This notice includes an explanation of the decision we made on your claim and how we arrived at it.

EXPLANATION OF DETERMINATION

The following reports were used to decide your claim in addition to those listed on our previous notice:

[REDACTED] REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - report received 08/29/2012
SURGICAL ASSOCIATES OF [REDACTED] - report received 08/29/2012
[REDACTED] HEALTH CENTER - report received 09/12/2012
[REDACTED] - report received 08/23/2012
[REDACTED] CTR/PATIENT DATA SVCS - report received 04/04/2012
[REDACTED] - report received 04/26/2012
[REDACTED] - report received 04/02/2012
[REDACTED] HEALTH CENTER - report received 04/17/2012
[REDACTED] REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER - report received 04/06/2012

You report becoming disable 5/1/09 due to Cirrhosis of liver, Tobacco abuse, Alcohol abuse, Benign HTN, and Hepatitis C. We have reviewed the medical records and your information. These reports were given great consideration. We have determined that your conditions cause limitations however not to the level required for Social Security disability. You report past employment as a cashier. Based on your description of this job, we have determined that you have the capacity to perform this type of work. Therefore, a period of disability cannot be established.

If you believe that the reconsideration determination is not correct, you may request a hearing before an administrative law judge of the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. If you want a hearing you must request it not later than 60 days from the date you receive this notice. You may make your request through any Social Security office or on the Internet at <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/disability/appeal>. As part of the appeal process, you also need to tell us about your current medical condition. We provide a form for doing that, the Disability Report - Appeal. You may contact one of our offices or call 1-800-772-1213 to request this form. Or,

you may complete the report online after you complete the online Request for Hearing by Administrative Law Judge. Read the enclosed leaflet for a full explanation of your right to appeal.

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 this decision. If you disagree with this decision and you file a new application instead of appealing you might lose some benefits, or not qualify for any benefits. So, if you disagree with this decision, you should file an appeal within 60 days.

This decision refers only to your claim for supplemental security income payments. You will receive a separate notice if you also filed a claim for social security payments.

Although you are not eligible for supplemental security income payments, you may be eligible for medical assistance (Medicaid). If you have any questions about eligibility for Medicaid or need medical assistance, you should get in touch with the local office of the Department of Social and Health Services.

Please get in touch with Social Security if you disagree with this decision or you have any questions or need more information. Most questions can be handled by phoning or writing any Social Security office. If you visit a Social Security office, please bring this notice with you. If the decision in your case is based on incorrect information, we will be happy to make whatever change is necessary.

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

If you still are not satisfied with the decision, you may request a hearing of this decision by the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. **YOU MUST REQUEST THE HEARING IN WRITING WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVE THIS NOTICE.** If you cannot send us a written request for a hearing within 60 days, be sure to contact us by phone. If you wait longer than 60 days, we will not conduct a hearing review of our decision unless you have a good reason for the delay.

If you request a hearing, your case will be assigned to an administrative law judge of the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. The administrative law judge will let you know when and where your case will be heard.

The hearing proceedings are informal. The administrative law judge will summarize the facts in your case, explain the law, and state what must be decided. Then you will have an opportunity to explain why you disagree with the decision made in your case, to present additional evidence and to have witnesses testify for you. You can also request the administrative law judge to subpoena unwilling witnesses to appear for cross-examination and to bring with them any information about your case. You have the right to request the administrative law judge to issue a decision based on the written record without you personally appearing before him/her. If you decide not to appear at the hearing, you still have the right to submit additional evidence. The administrative law judge will base the decision on the evidence in your file plus any new evidence submitted.

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.

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