

# Applying for Disability

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# *Making the Decision to File*

- **Health Considerations**
- **Financial Considerations**
- **Emotional Considerations**

# *The Filing Process*

*Online or In person?*



# *Our Suggested Checklist for Filing*

- ❖ Filling Out the SSI and SSDI Forms
- ❖ State Funding / Programs
- ❖ Support Letter (after first denial)
- ❖ Doctor's Support Letters
- ❖ (Condition) Research
- ❖ (Condition) Doctor's Evaluation
- ❖ Medical Records
- ❖ Approved Cases in State
- ❖ Daily Journal (with all listings)

# *Early Approval is Possible!*

*Listing of condition under SSA regulations*



# *Residual Functional Capacity*

An individual's residual functional capacity is his or her ability to do physical and mental work activities on a sustained basis despite limitations from his or her impairments.

All of the impairments must be considered, including impairments that are not severe.

# *Stages of Appeal*

- **Reconsideration**
- **Hearing**
- **Appeals Counsel**
- **U.S. District Court**



# *Administrative Hearings*

- **Preparation**
- **Witnesses**
- **Medical Experts**
- **Vocational Experts**



# *Contingent Fee*

**25% of retroactive payments  
with a maximum of \$6,000**

*Questions?*



*Don't be discouraged,  
We are here to help!*



# Thanks for listening!

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