



**SOCIAL SECURITY  
& VETERANS DISABILITY**  
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**A NEW WAY TO UPDATE YOUR CASE  
MANAGER ON YOUR SCHEDULE,  
PLUS IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
ON WORK CREDITS**

Our Social Security Disability Case Mangers are the Jan Dils team members who are on the "front lines" every day, fighting for the disability benefits our clients deserve. And just like any other fight, if you want to win, you need the right ammunition. In Social Security Disability cases, that most often means information. I can't stress strongly enough how important it is to have ALL of the most current information about your case. The more details you have about your disability, including doctor and hospital visits, along with the dates and outcomes, the stronger your case will be.

If you are working with a Jan Dils Case Manager, keeping them up-to-date on your important information just got easier. We have created a new tab on our website that makes it as easy as a few clicks of your mouse. Our first article here takes you through the process, so be sure to read, then take a look at the website to see it for yourself.

Our second article deals with a topic we are frequently asked to explain: how many Social Security Work Credits are you required to earn before you can qualify for disability benefits? The article we've included outlines the number of credits, and even includes a chart for easy reference.

With all of the many ways we have provided for our clients and others to contact us, I hope it is obvious that we are always glad to hear from you! Whether you have a specific question about a particular topic, or just want some general information about the best way to begin your fight for the benefits you deserve, we are happy to help. So, whether you call, email, or set up an appointment to

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talk to us in person, we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,



Want to keep up with all of the latest news or to get to know us better? Like us on Facebook!



You know that keeping your case manager up-to-date on the very latest details, including doctor or hospital visits and changes to your contact information, can have a big impact on the success of your case. Now, the Jan Dils team has made it even easier to provide information to your case manager, with a new tab on our website. Just go to [www.jandils.com](http://www.jandils.com), then click on the new "CLIENTS-REPORT UPDATE" tab on the right side of the page. From there, you will be taken to a page that contains a quick, easy form to fill out with the new information you want to report to your case manager. And you can send your update any time, 24-7, on YOUR schedule-it's that simple!



The same page also features a listing that includes the name, email address, and telephone extension of each case manger. Aren't sure who your case manager is? No problem. Each case manger is now listed by the first letter of the last name of the clients they serve. So now, no matter how you choose to contact your case manger, you will always have their information close at hand.

Even if you don't currently have any updates to your information, we encourage

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you to take a few minutes to visit [www.jandils.com](http://www.jandils.com) and click on the new "CLIENTS-REPORT UPDATE" tab so you can see for yourself just how easy it is to keep your case manager in the loop. Remember: the more information your case manager has to work with, the stronger your case will be. So don't forget to report your latest doctor or hospital visits, along with any changes to your contact information. It's as easy as click, pick, submit-and as always, we look forward to hearing from you!



## HOW MANY WORK CREDITS DO YOU NEED TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY?

The number of work credits needed to be eligible for disability benefits depends on your age when you become disabled. Generally, you need 40 credits, 20 of which were earned in the last 10 years ending with the year you become disabled. However, younger workers may qualify with fewer credits. The rules are as follows:

- **Before age 24:** You may qualify if you have 6 credits earned in the 3-year period ending when your disability starts.
- **Age 24 to 31:** You may qualify if you have credit for working half the time between age 21 and the time you become disabled. For example, if you become disabled at age 27, you would need credit for 3 years of work (12 credits) out of the past 6 years (between ages 21 and 27).
- **Age 31 or older:** In general, you need to have the number of work credits shown in the chart below. Unless you are blind, you must have earned at least 20 of the credits in the 10 years immediately before you became disabled.

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Born after 1929, Became Disabled At Age	Number of Credits You Need
31 through 42	20
44	22
46	24
48	26
50	28
52	30
54	32
56	34
58	36
60	38
62 or older	40

To find out how Social Security Work Credits are earned, visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/credits1.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/credits1.htm).

Source: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/retire2/credits3.htm>

*Jan Dils keeps you updated on Social Security disability benefits news and important issues that matter the most. We not only focus on Social Security Disability, we also provide legal assistance for Veterans Disability Benefits. We understand the claims process and specialize in making sure Veterans receive the proper representation needed for receiving benefits. For more information on our Veterans Disability services, please visit [www.fight4vets.com](http://www.fight4vets.com)*

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