

Jan Dils September Social Security Newsletter

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Before diving into this month's topics, I'd like to talk about the major Equifax data breach. Approximately 143 million U.S. consumers have had sensitive data compromised. While the Social Security Administration sometimes uses Equifax to help verify your identity when setting up a my Social Security account, Social Security never shares numbers with Equifax. For concerns regarding the data breach, I urge you to contact Equifax directly at 866-477-7559 or equifaxsecurity2017.com.

Our first article is about debilitating illnesses. The list is growing and we want to keep you informed to ensure you and your family get the Social Security benefits you deserve. Learn about three new Compassionate Allowance conditions and, for an entire list of Compassionate Allowances, visit socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances. Of course, you can always give us a call.

We also continue to offer information regarding new online programs on the Social Security Administration's website that will hopefully streamline the claims process and minimize your time waiting in lines.

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However, if you're struggling with confusing forms, busy telephones and months of uncertainty, denials and appeals, a huge burden can be lifted off of you when you turn your disability claim over to our capable representatives. You can rest secure in the knowledge that a dedicated and experienced staff will put together a persuasive application for Social Security disability on your behalf. We are always happy to hear from you!

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SOCIAL SECURITY EXPEDITES DECISIONS TO THOSE WITH SERIOUS DISABILITIES



Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security, recently announced three new Compassionate Allowances conditions: CACH – Vanishing White Matter Disease-Infantile and Childhood Onset Forms, Congenital Myotonic Dystrophy and Kleefstra Syndrome. Compassionate Allowances are a way to quickly identify serious diseases and other medical conditions that meet Social Security's standards for disability benefits.

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“Social Security is committed – now and in the future – to continue to identify and fast-track diseases that are certain or near-certain to be approved for disability benefits,” said Acting Commissioner Berryhill.

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The Compassionate Allowances program identifies claims where the applicant’s disease or condition clearly meets Social Security’s statutory standard for disability. Many of these claims are allowed based on medical confirmation of the diagnosis alone, for example pancreatic cancer, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and acute leukemia. To date, almost 500,000 people with severe disabilities have been approved through this fast-track policy-compliant disability process, which has grown to a total of 228 conditions.

By incorporating cutting-edge technology, the agency can easily identify potential Compassionate Allowances and quickly make decisions. For other disability cases not covered by the Compassionate Allowances program, Social Security’s Health IT program brings the speed and efficiency of electronic medical records to the disability determination process. When a person applies for disability benefits, Social Security must obtain medical records in order to make an accurate determination. It may take weeks for health care organizations to provide records for the applicant's case. With electronic records transmission, Social Security is able to quickly obtain a claimant's medical information, review it, and make a determination faster than ever before.

“The Compassionate Allowances and Health IT programs are making a real difference by ensuring that Americans with disabilities quickly receive the benefits they need,” added Ms. Berryhill.



For more information about the program, including a list of all Compassionate Allowances conditions, please visit socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances

To learn more about Social Security’s Health IT program, please visit socialsecurity.gov/hit

People may apply online for disability benefits by visiting socialsecurity.gov

To create a my Social Security account, please visit [socialsecurity.gov/myaccount](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount)

Source: <https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/#/post/9-2017-1>



Social Security offers an online disability application you can complete from the comfort of your home or office at a time most convenient for you. There's no need to drive to a local Social Security office or make an appointment with a representative. Once you submit your application electronically, Social Security will process it and contact you if any further information is needed.

You can use the online application to apply for disability benefits if you:

- Are age 18 or older.
- Are not currently receiving benefits on your own Social Security record.
- Are unable to work because of a medical condition that is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.
- You have not been denied disability benefits in the last 60 days. If your application was recently denied, our [Internet Appeal](#) application is a starting point to request a review of the determination we made.

You can now also file for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) online but only if you meet certain requirements. You are eligible to file online for SSI if you:

- Are between the ages of 18 and 65.
- Have never been married.
- Aren't blind
- Are a U.S. citizen residing in one of the fifty states, District of Columbia, or the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Haven't applied for or received SSI benefits in the past; and are

applying for Social Security Disability Insurance at the same time as your SSI claim.

Once you finish the online process, a Social Security representative will contact you for any additional information needed for the applications. You can also schedule an appointment with a local Social Security office to file an application. Call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday or [contact your local Social Security office](#).

Social Security will ask you to provide documents to show that you are eligible, such as:

- Birth certificate or other proof of birth.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful alien status if you were not born in the United States.
- U.S. military discharge paper(s) if you had military service before 1968.
- W-2 forms(s) and/or self-employment tax returns for last year.
- Medical evidence already in your possession [[more info](#)]. This includes medical records, doctors' reports, and recent test results.
- Award letters, pay stubs, settlement agreements or other proof of any temporary or permanent workers' compensation-type benefits you received.

Important

Social Security accepts photocopies of W-2 forms, self-employment tax returns or medical documents, but the Social Security Administration must see the original of most other documents, such as your birth certificate which will be returned to you. Do not delay applying for benefits because you do not have all the documents. The Social Security Administration will help you get them.

Mailing Your Documents

If you mail any documents, you must include the Social Security number so that so that they can be matched to the correct application. Do not write anything on the original documents. Please write the Social Security number on a separate sheet of paper and include it in the mailing envelope along with the documents.

If you do not want to mail these documents, you may bring them to a Social Security office. Do not mail foreign birth records or any documents from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), especially those you are required to keep with you at all times. These documents are extremely difficult, time-consuming and expensive to replace if lost. Some cannot be replaced. Instead, bring them to a Social Security office where the Social Security Administration will examine them and return them to you.



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

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