Social Security Administration
Supplemental Security Income
Notice of Reconsideration

Date:

Claim Number:

Local Social Security Office:
Telephone:
Address:

We're writing to let you know that we have made a disability hearing decision on your case.

Our Decision

The hearing decision is attached to this letter. Our decision deals only with whether you are disabled. You will get another letter about when your payments will stop.

If you agree with our decision, you don't have to do anything.

If You Disagree With The Decision

If you disagree with the decision, you have the right to ask for a hearing. At the hearing, a person who has not seen your case before will look at it. That person is an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The ALJ will review your case and consider any new facts you have.

- You have 60 days to ask for a hearing.
- The 60 days start the day after you receive 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.

Enclosures:
Disability Hearing Officer's Decision
SSA Pub. No. 70-10281

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- You must have a good reason for waiting more than 60 days to ask for a hearing.

- You have to ask for a hearing in writing. We'll ask you to sign a Form SSA-501-U5, called "Request for Hearing." Contact one of our offices if you want help.

Appeal In 10 Days To Keep Getting Your Check

You have 10 days to ask us to keep paying you. You must also ask for an appeal.

- The 10 days start the day after you get this letter.

- If you lose your appeal, you might have to pay back some or all of this money.

How The Hearing Process Works

The ALJ will mail you a letter at least 20 days before the hearing to tell you its date, time and place. The letter will explain the law in your case and tell you what has to be decided. Since the ALJ will review all the facts in your case, it is important that you give us any new facts as soon as you can.

The hearing is your chance to tell the ALJ why you disagree with the decision in your case. You can give the ALJ new evidence and bring people to testify for you. The ALJ also can require people to bring important papers to your hearing and give facts about your case. You can question these people at your hearing.

Please read the enclosed pamphlet "Your Right To An Administrative Law Judge Hearing And Appeals Council Review Of Your Social Security Case." It has more information about the hearing.

It Is Important To Go To The Hearing

It is very important that you go to the hearing. If for any reason you can't go, contact the ALJ as soon as possible before the hearing and explain why. The ALJ will reschedule the hearing if you have a good reason.

If you don't go to the hearing and you don't have a good reason for not going, the ALJ may dismiss your request for a hearing.

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If You Want Help With Your Hearing

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 hearing.

If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire somone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it.

If You Have Any Questions

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

If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions.

Regional Commissioner