

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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CLAIM FOR *(Specify type, e.g., retirement, disability, hospital insurance, SSI, SVB, etc.)*

I do not agree with the determination made on the above claim and request reconsideration. My reasons are:

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME OR SPECIAL VETERANS BENEFITS RECONSIDERATION ONLY

(See reverse of claimant's copy)

"I want to appeal your decision about my claim for supplemental security income (SSI) or special veterans benefits (SVB). I've read the back of this form about the three ways to appeal. I've checked the box below."

Case Review Informal Conference Formal Conference

EITHER THE CLAIMANT OR REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD SIGN - ENTER ADDRESSES FOR BOTH

SIGNATURE OR NAME OF CLAIMANT'S REPRESENTATIVE <input type="checkbox"/> NON-ATTORNEY <input type="checkbox"/> ATTORNEY			CLAIMANT SIGNATURE		
STREET ADDRESS			STREET ADDRESS		
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TO BE COMPLETED BY SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

See reverse of claim folder copy for list of initial determinations

1. HAS INITIAL DETERMINATION BEEN MADE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	2. CLAIMANT INSISTS ON FILING <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
3. IS THIS REQUEST FILED TIMELY? <i>(If "NO", attach claimant's explanation for delay and attach only pertinent letter, material, or information in social security office.)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS RECONSIDERATIONS ONLY (CHECK ONE) REFER TO (GN 03102.125)	SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE ADDRESS
<input type="checkbox"/> NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT REQUIRED (GN 03102.125)	
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ROUTING INSTRUCTIONS (CHECK ONE) →	<input type="checkbox"/> DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICES <i>(ROUTE WITH DISABILITY FOLDER)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM SERVICE CENTER	<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT OFFICE RECONSIDERATION
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ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS THAT ARE INITIAL DETERMINATIONS
(See GN03101.070, GN03101.080, and SI04010.010)

NOTE: These lists cover the vast majority of administrative actions that are initial determinations. However, they are not all inclusive.

Title II

1. Entitlement or continuing entitlement to benefits;
2. Reentitlement to benefits;
3. The amount of benefit;
4. A recomputation of benefit;
5. A reduction in disability benefits because benefits under a worker's compensation law were also received;
6. A deduction from benefits on account of work;
7. A deduction from disability benefits because of claimant's refusal to accept rehabilitation services;
8. Termination of benefits;
9. Penalty deductions imposed because of failure to report certain events;
10. Any overpayment or underpayment of benefits;
11. Whether an overpayment of benefits must be repaid;
12. How an underpayment of benefits due a deceased person will be paid;
13. The establishment or termination of a period of disability;
14. A revision of an earnings record;
15. Whether the payment of benefits will be made, on the claimant's behalf to a representative payee, unless the claimant is under age 18 or legally incompetent;
16. Who will act as the payee if we determine that representative payment will be made;
17. An offset of benefits because the claimant previously received Supplemental Security Income payments for the same period;
18. Whether completion of or continuation for a specified period of time in an appropriate vocational rehabilitation program will significantly increase the likelihood that the claimant will not have to return to the disability benefit rolls and thus, whether the claimant's benefits may be continued even though the claimant is not disabled; and
19. Nonpayment of benefits because of claimant's confinement in a jail, prison, or other penal institution or correctional facility for conviction of a felony.

Title XVI

1. Eligibility for, or the amount of, Supplemental Security Income benefits;
2. Suspension, reduction, or termination of Supplemental Security Income benefits;
3. Whether an overpayment of benefits must be repaid;
4. Whether payments will be made, on claimant's behalf to a representative payee, unless the claimant is under age 18, legally incompetent, or determined to be a drug addict or alcoholic;
5. Who will act as payee if we determine that representative payment will be made;
6. Imposing penalties for failing to report important information;
7. Drug addiction or alcoholism;
8. Whether claimant is eligible for special SSI cash benefits;
9. Whether claimant is eligible for special SSI eligibility status;
10. Claimant's disability; and
11. Whether completion of or continuation for a specified period of time in an appropriate vocational rehabilitation program will significantly increase the likelihood that claimant will not have to return to the disability benefit rolls and thus, whether claimant's benefits may be continued even though he or she is not disabled.

NOTE: Every redetermination which gives an individual the right of further review constitutes an initial determination.

Title VIII (See VB 02501.035)

1. Meeting or failing to meet the qualifying and/or entitlement factors for special veterans benefits (SVB);
2. Reduction, suspension or termination of SVB payments;
3. Applicability of a disqualifying event prior to SVB entitlement;
4. Administrative actions in SVB cases similar to those listed under title II--items 3, 4, 10, 11 & 16.

Title XVIII

1. Entitlement to hospital insurance benefits and to enrollment for supplementary medical insurance benefits;
2. Disallowance (including denial of application for HIB and denial of application for enrollment for SMIB);
3. Termination of benefits (including termination of entitlement to HI and SMI).

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HOW TO APPEAL YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI) OR SPECIAL VETERANS BENEFIT (SVB) DECISION

There are three different ways to appeal. You can pick the appeal that fits your case. The person who gave you this form can tell how these appeals work. You can have a lawyer, friend, or someone else help you with your appeal.

Here are the three ways to appeal:

1. CASE REVIEW:

You can give us more facts to add to your file. Then we'll decide your case again. You don't meet with the person who decides your case.

You can pick this kind of appeal in all cases.

2. INFORMAL CONFERENCE:

You'll meet with the person who will decide your case. You can tell that person why you think you're right. You can give us more facts to help prove you're right. You can bring other people to help explain your case.

You can pick this kind of appeal in all SSI cases *except* two. You can't have it if we turned down your SSI application for medical reasons or because you're not blind. Also you can't have it if we're giving you SSI but you disagree with the date we said you became blind or disabled. In SVB cases, you can pick this kind of appeal only if we're stopping or lowering your SVB payment.

3. FORMAL CONFERENCE:

This is a meeting like an informal conference. Plus, we can make people come to help prove you're right. We can do this even if they don't want to help you. You can question these people at your meeting.

You can pick this kind of appeal only if we're stopping or lowering your SSI or SVB payment. You can't get it in any other case.

Now you know the three kinds of appeals. You can pick the one that fits your case. Then fill out the front of this form. We'll help you fill it out.

There are groups that can help you with your appeal. Some can give you a free lawyer. We can give you the names of these groups.

**NOTE: DON'T FILL OUT THIS FORM IF WE SAID WE'LL STOP YOUR SSI
DISABILITY CHECK FOR MEDICAL REASONS OR BECAUSE YOU'RE NO
LONGER BLIND. WE'LL GIVE YOU THE RIGHT FORM (HA-501-U5) FOR
YOUR APPEAL.**