

WHAT IS SSI (SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME)?

A Federal program providing a monthly benefit for limited income adults and children with a disability or blindness to help pay for things such as food, rent and utilities

SSI is also for people age 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial requirements

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR SSI?

- Income/needs based
- The value of your assets must be less than \$2,000 for singles and \$3,000 for couples

Child has a medically determinable physical or mental impairment, impairments or impairments which result in **marked and severe functional limitations**; and has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of at least **12 months or expected to result in death**

WHAT IS SSDI (SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE)?

Benefits to people who have a qualifying work history, have become disabled and are no longer able to work due to the disability that is expected to last at least one year or result in death.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR SSDI?

Eligibility is primarily based on your average lifetime earnings that are covered by Social Security based on your accumulated work credits (how much you have paid into the social security system)



OTHER FACTS

- The Social Security Administration (SSA) operates both programs
- You may qualify for both SSI and SSDI concurrently

Two initiatives to help expedite the processing of new disability claims:


- **Compassionate Allowances:** Identifies certain diseases and other medical conditions for individuals with the most serious diagnosis such as Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), acute leukemia, and pancreatic cancer
- **Quick Disability Determinations:** SSA's sophisticated computer screening to identify cases with a high probability of allowance



NAVIGATING INSURANCE

SSI and SSDI

CONNECT WITH RESOURCES TO HELP GUIDE YOU THROUGH THIS JOURNEY

 <https://www.healthcare.gov>
1-833-PTC-HOPE (1-833-782-4673)

In Spanish
1-833-PTC-VIDA (1-833-782-8432)

 patientengagement@ptcbio.com

WHAT ARE THINGS I SHOULD KNOW?

- Refer to the Social Security Administration website for more information: www.ssa.gov
- Use the "Benefits Eligibility Screening Tool" to find out which Social Security programs you may qualify for: <https://ssabest.benefits.gov>
- You can apply for SSI or SSDI by phone, in person or online at: <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability>
- You have the right to appeal any decision by requesting an **appeal in writing** within 60 days of receiving your decision

