WHAT VETERANS SHOULD KNOW WHEN FILING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY

Approval for VA benefits does not guarantee approval for SS benefits.

VETERANS AFFAIRS RATING	SOCIAL SECURITY FINDING
Determined based on service-connected disabilities.	Considers a broader range of factors, including work history, age, and medical conditions.

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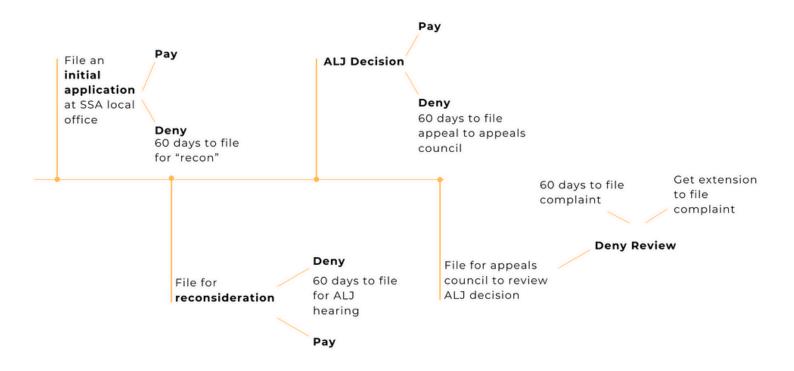
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are federal programs designed to provide assistance to people with disabilities. Here's a brief overview of the process:

- **1. Eligibility:** To qualify for SSDI, an individual must have a disability that is expected to last at least one year or result in death. For SSI, the individual must have a disability and meet financial eligibility criteria.
- **2. Application:** The process begins with submitting an application. The application requires detailed information about the individual's medical condition, work history, and financial situation.
- **3. Initial Review:** After the application is submitted, it undergoes an initial review by the Social Security Administration (SSA). This review assesses whether the individual meets the basic eligibility criteria. Then it begins the medical assessment.



IF YOUR APPLICATION IS DENIED, YOU MAY NEED TO GO THROUGH THE APPEALS PROCESS.

Here is the life cycle of an SSD agency admin case



TIPS FOR YOUR SSD CASE

- **O1** Detail limitations in your daily activities due to your disability.
- Don't solely rely on VA ratings for SS benefits. Gather medical records, statements from healthcare providers, and other relevant evidence to support your SS claim.
- O3 Stay updated on the progress of your case and respond promptly to any requests or communications.
- 04 Consult with a qualified attorney experienced in disability law.
- Understand that the process may involve delays and challenges. Stay patient.

