

## Do I Need a Social Security Lawyer for a CDR?

Q: When should I expect to actually start receiving benefits payments for SSDI?

A: 5 months after your condition began, you can begin to collect SSDI payments. The way the billing cycles work, though, you will not actually receive your first benefits check until six months after the date of onset of your condition. If you have been awarded retroactive benefits, most claimants receive those payments in about 60 days. Remember that you will not receive retroactive benefits for the aforementioned five months you must wait to be eligible for benefits. A [social security lawyer](#) can be of valuable assistance, if you wish to apply for retroactive benefits or have not yet received your anticipated first benefits check after your 5 month waiting period.

Q: Will your dependents also receive disability payments?

A: Certain family members may be eligible to receive benefits, as well. Unmarried children under the age of 18 are eligible. Your children will qualify for benefits until age 19, if they are still students. Your spouse may qualify if he is over age 61. At any age your husband or wife may be eligible if he or she is providing financial support to your children that are under the age of 17. The amount of benefits your qualified family members receive may be as much as half of the monthly payment amount to which you are entitled. Contact a social security lawyer, if you have any concerns about eligibility or applying for disability benefits for any of your family members.

Q: What happens when Social Security reviews my file after benefits have been awarded?

A: Social Security conducts regular reviews of all disability cases that were awarded benefits. A diary or schedule of when reviews should be conducted is established when you are awarded benefits and is based on the factors of your individual case. Most reviews are usually conducted every one, three, and seven years. Many state social security agencies have a bit of a review logjam right now, which means that many reviews are not happening on the one, three, seven year timeline. That means that your file could undergo a review when you do not expect it. The purpose of the reviews are to make sure that Social Security has the most current information about your medical and employment situation. The review will note changes in your condition that may or may not affect your eligibility for benefits. If you are concerned about the results of a recent review of your file, it may be wise to seek the counsel of a social security lawyer. A social security lawyer will know how best to approach any resulting requested medical exams or reevaluation of eligibility for benefits.    Similar Articles [Social security attorney](#) [Veterans disability lawyer](#) [Florida social security lawyer](#)

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