



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Refer To: [Claimant Name]

Office of Hearings Operations
[Hearing Office Address]

Date: [Date]

Notice of Decision –Fully Favorable

I carefully reviewed the facts of your case and made a fully favorable decision on your application(s) for a period of disability and disability insurance benefits filed on [Application Date]. I stated the basis for my decision at your hearing held on [Date of Hearing]. I adopt the findings of fact and reasons that I gave at the hearing. Please read this notice of decision.

Conditional Language Step 3

I found you disabled as of [Date of Disability Onset]. Your impairment or combination of impairments is so severe that it meets the requirements of one of the impairments listed in the Listing of Impairments.

Conditional Language Step 5

I found you disabled as of [Date of Disability Onset] because your impairment or combination of impairments is so severe that you cannot perform any work existing in significant numbers in the national economy.

If you would like more information about my decision, I can provide you with a record of my oral decision. You must ask for this record in writing. You may mail or bring your request to any Social Security or hearing office. Please put the Social Security number shown above on your request.

Another office will process my decision and decide if you meet the non-disability requirements for Supplemental Security Income payments. That office may ask you for more information. If you do not hear anything within 60 days of the date of this notice, please contact your local office. The contact information for your local office is at the end of this notice.

If You Disagree With My Decision

In most cases, parties who receive a fully favorable decision will not wish to appeal the decisions. However, we give you the right to appeal any decision that you do not agree with, even if it is fully favorable. If you agree with the ALJ's decision in your case, you do not have to do anything. If you do not agree with the ALJ's decision, you may request Appeals Council review of that decision, but you must do so within the time frame prescribed in this notice.

How To File An Appeal

To file an appeal you must ask in writing that the Appeals Council review my decision. You may use our Request for Review form (HA-520) or write a letter. The form is available at www.socialsecurity.gov. Please put the Social Security number shown above on any appeal you file. If you need help, you may file in person at any Social Security or hearing office.

Please send your request to:

**Appeals Council
5107 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041-3255**

Time Limit To File An Appeal

You must file your written appeal **within 60 days** of the date you get this notice. The Appeals Council assumes you got this notice 5 days after the date of the notice unless you show you did not get it within the 5-day period.

The Appeals Council will dismiss a late request unless you show you had a good reason for not filing it on time.

What Else You May Send Us

You may send us a written statement about your case. You may also send us new evidence. You should send your written statement and any new evidence **with your appeal**. Sending your written statement and any new evidence with your appeal may help us review your case sooner.

How An Appeal Works

The Appeals Council will consider your entire case. It will consider all of my decision, even the parts with which you agree. Review can make any part of my decision more or less favorable or unfavorable to you. The rules the Appeals Council uses are in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 20, Chapter III, **Part 404 (Subpart J) and Part 416 (Subpart N)**.

The Appeals Council may:

- Deny your appeal,
- Return your case to me or another administrative law judge for a new decision,
- Issue its own decision, or
- Dismiss your case.

The Appeals Council will send you a notice telling you what it decides to do. If the Appeals Council denies your appeal, my decision will become the final decision.

The Appeals Council May Review My Decision On Its Own

The Appeals Council may review my decision even if you do not appeal. They may decide to review my decision within 60 days after the date of the decision. The Appeals Council will mail you a notice of review if they decide to review my decision.

When There Is No Appeals Council Review

If you do not appeal and the Appeals Council does not review my decision on its own, my decision will become final. A final decision can be changed only under special circumstances. You will not have the right to Federal court review.

If You Have Any Questions

We invite you to visit our website located at www.socialsecurity.gov to find answers to general questions about social security. You may also call (800) 772-1213 with questions. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please use our TTY number (800) 325-0778.

If you have any other questions, please call, write, or visit any Social Security office. Please have this notice and decision with you. The telephone number of the local office that serves your area is **Field Office Phone Number**. Its address is:

Field Office Address

ALJ Name

Administrative Law Judge

Date