

# What's The First Step?

Contact your local county assistance office and ask for the disability advocate. They will assist you in applying for SSI/SSDI.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Department of Human Services  
Disability Advocacy Program



# IF

You have a disability and are receiving public assistance...

Important information for individuals with disabilities. If you need this in another language, contact your county assistance office.

Información importante para individuos con incapacidades. Si necesita esta información en otro idioma, comuníquese a la Oficina de Asistencia del Condado que le corresponde.

Thông tin quan trọng cho quý vị nào có bệnh tật tàn phế. Nếu quý vị cần bản tin này bằng tiếng khác, xin liên lạc Văn Phòng Trợ Cấp Quận Hạt.

ព័ត៌មានសំខាន់ៗសម្រាប់ ប្រុស/ស្រីដែលមានការពិការ។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នក ត្រូវការជាភាសាផ្សេងទៀត សូមទាក់ ទងភ្នាក់ងារលើយើង លើទូរស័ព្ទ ពេលក្នុង ការ

发给残疾人的重要通知。关于此通知如果您需要别的语言的译文，请联系您所在地区的郡县协助办事处（County Assistance Office）。

Важные сведения для лиц, имеющих инвалидность. Если вам нужен перевод данного документа на другой язык, обращайтесь в местное бюро помощи (County Assistance Office).

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If you have a disability and you are receiving cash assistance, Medical Assistance or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, you may be eligible to receive:

**Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or  
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**

By applying for one of these programs, you may receive more benefits than you are receiving right now under cash assistance.

To be eligible, you must have a physical or mental disability that prevents you from working and which is expected to last at least 12 months. Children also are eligible for these additional benefits.

In each county assistance office, a disability advocate can provide you the following services:

- ✓ **Help in applying for SSI/SSDI.**
  - ✓ **Arrange for medical exams that are required for eligibility.**
  - ✓ **Help in gathering medical and social history information.**
  - ✓ **Arrange for a lawyer to represent you in the appeal process.**
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