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A good measure of competence and reputation is needed upon anything which concerns legality and authenticity of records. In case you are a claimant for a Social Security Disability or SSI benefits, your claim will be evaluated using your medical records. Thus, having a competent and respected doctor is most advisable in order to provide the necessary authenticity and substance to your claim!

First and foremost, having a doctor to conduct a regular and updated medical treatment on your person is very important in order that your claim gain sufficient attention and consideration. Evaluating a disability claim takes quite a lengthy procedure, and each record presented by the claimant is severely inspected. It is but proper for your physician to be advised never to be limited and too lenient on facts concerning your disability. Your physician must also be aware that even if past medical records indicate your disability, an examiner or judge will never approve your recent claim without current medical records to support your claim and your past medical records.

Take your time winning the interest of your doctor about your claim. Once your doctor diagnosed your treatment and believes that your condition is disabled, you must have him as an ally in order to support your case in writing. Primarily, it is your doctor who knows the extent of your disability. Request for a detailed statement regarding your conditions.

Getting a competent and objective supporting statement from your doctor, or even having him complete a Residual Functional Capacity (RFC) form on your behalf could give you a good chance of reducing the processing period of your disability claim. RFC forms, particularly, which are used by the DDS examiners, could carry great weight at hearings held by the Administrative Law Judges.

More possible than not, you might lose your medical coverage before your claims are approved. There is still a solution! Try to be seen at a free clinic, county health department, or emergency room. These treatment sources may not be as reputable as having a personal doctor, but these are better than having none at all. Or give it a go at your state's Vocational Rehab department. Very often, VR can assist claimants in getting certain testing and examinations paid for. Though this is always for the purpose of developing a VR claim, VR counselors are usually willing to supply these records to a

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claimant's representative as well.

Medical statements need to be detailed and substantial. Without the support of objective medical findings, little or no consideration, at all, will be given to a physician's medical opinion by an Administrative Law Judge. While writing out his diagnosis of your condition, gently remind your physician to explain all the details, especially, the diagnosis which supports your claim of disability, even your body's limitations (e.g. level of inability to sit, stand, walk, stoop, crouch, grasp, reach or otherwise move) and your prognosis.

Remember! Generally, the rule is that you cannot be approved for social security disability or SSI based on disability if you are not examined by a medical provider at least once every two months. It is best to abide by your prescribed medications, too. In the end, whether you took your prescribed

medicine or not may affect how your impairments are viewed. In fact, judges will often deny claims in which claimants did not take what was prescribed. The fact that the claimant had no means by which to obtain their needed meds is generally irrelevant to an ALJ at a disability hearing.

Professional medical opinion is very important in the presentation of an SSI case. The doctor/physician is the only one qualified not only to state that a person is disabled but, rather, explain in detail, why a person is disabled. As such, these statements from qualified medical practitioners can greatly improve a claimant's chances of being awarded continuing and past due benefits.

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It is not actually that a person's disability claim is not believable enough or substantial enough that causes denied applications for the Social Security Disability or the Supplemental Security Income benefits. Represented or not, with undisputable medical records or not, seventy percent (70%) of all disability claims are denied at applications. Does this mean that, it really makes no difference whether you present a substantial claim or not? Of course not!

It simply means that you have to possess more analysis and should insist to learn more about the workings, procedures and especially the approval system of the SSD and SSI Programs. By being attuned to their systems and procedures, respecting their authority and cooperating with them, you stand a better chance of presenting a winning SSI case. With or without help from a legal counsel or other representative, your knowledge of the system would sustain your claim.

Dear claimants, it is indeed intolerable to note that the crucial information regarding the SSD/SSI benefits policies and procedures cannot always be had from the actual persons taking the citizen's claims for disability benefits and SSI. Never be disheartened, though! Even if you eventually think that the applications for SSD / SSI might be a secret process fiercely guarded by who knows? Do not fret!

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We are providing you with very information, tips and advice in order for you to be armed with the right ideas and learn for yourself how you could improved your very own SSI case.

Stand a better chance of having a competent and substantial review of your medical status. Do this by finding out if your personal physician will support your disability case. Once he expresses his support, request for a detailed statement as to the reasons you were disabled and unable to work. It is also essential to continue submitting copies of your medical records, including recent update, when you apply and each time you appeal.

Cooperate fully with the Disability Examiner working on your case. This, you can show by promptly responding to letters and notices and going to medical exams that the DDS have scheduled for you. By being more cooperative with the DDS, you could gain a chance for your case to be qualified with the examiner pleading your case.

Ensure a good relationship with other people working on your case, especially the authorities at the Social Security and others you have enlisted or hired to assist you. Simply by establishing a friendly and courteous relationship with them, would entail them to do more for you.

Always keep tabs on your claim status, either personally or through your counsel. It is never good to let important deadlines lapse on your disability claim. Act out immediately what is to be done if your claim is denied or have been pending for too long. Simply by knowing that you are aware of every step and every proceeding would give you an edge. Strategize on how to properly plead either a request for reconsideration or a appeal for a hearing.

As long as you are patient enough and is willing to invest time and effort, on no time soon, you will be

able to prove that your SSI case stands a good chance and that you are an entitled and worthy beneficiary! Good luck!

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