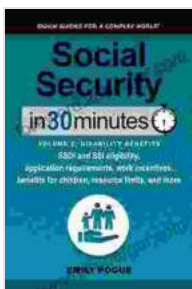


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Understanding Eligibility for SSDI and SSI

SSDI Eligibility

- Must meet the definition of disability under Social Security.

- Must have worked long enough and paid into the Social Security system.
- Must be unable to work due to a medical condition that is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death.

SSI Eligibility

- Must meet the definition of disability under Social Security.
- Must have limited income and resources.
- Must be a U.S. citizen or legal resident.

The Application Process for SSDI and SSI

The application process for SSDI and SSI can be complex, but following these steps can increase your chances of success:

1. Gather medical records that document your disability.
2. Complete the online or paper application.
3. Attend any necessary appointments with Social Security.
4. Check the status of your application regularly.

Benefits Available through SSDI and SSI

SSDI Benefits

- Monthly cash payments based on your work history.
- Medicare coverage after two years of receiving benefits.
- Work incentives to help you return to work.

SSI Benefits

- Monthly cash payments based on your income and resources.
- Medicaid coverage.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

Work Incentives for SSDI Beneficiaries

SSDI beneficiaries have access to a variety of work incentives that can help them return to work without losing their benefits. These include:

- Trial Work Period (TWP): Allows you to test your ability to work without losing benefits.
- Extended Period of Eligibility (EPE): Extends your Medicare coverage after TWP ends.
- Continuation of Disability Benefits (CDB): Provides temporary cash benefits if you are unable to work due to your disability after TWP ends.

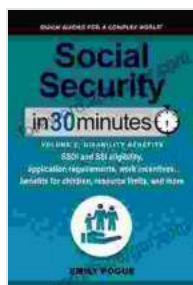
Additional Support and Resources

In addition to SSDI and SSI benefits, there are other programs and resources available to individuals with disabilities or limited income. These include:

- Vocational Rehabilitation Services: Helps you develop skills and find a job.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Provides food assistance.

- Medicaid: Provides health insurance.
- Social Security Disability Advocates: Can assist you with your application and appeals.

Understanding the intricacies of SSDI and SSI can be a daunting task, but with the right knowledge and support, you can successfully navigate the application process and secure the benefits you deserve. This comprehensive guide has provided you with a solid foundation for understanding eligibility, application, and benefits. Remember, you are not alone in this journey. There are resources and advocates available to help you every step of the way.



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