



# Michigan Updates

A Social Security Newsletter highlighting Social Security Disability (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

**Social Security is with you throughout life's journey**

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## People Receiving Disability Benefits Can Report Wages Online

Social Security has expanded its online services to allow people who receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and their representative payees to report wages securely online. This service is available through our existing [my Social Security](#) portal.

It's faster and easier than ever before for SSDI beneficiaries and their representative payees to report wages; they can avoid visiting a field office to report their wages in person and they can print or save a receipt of their report.

When you sign up or log in to your [my Social Security](#) account, you'll have access to this application on your desktop, laptop, and mobile device. After you report the wages online, you can save or print a copy of your receipt.



This service will be available for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients in the future. SSI recipients should continue to report wages through SSI Mobile Wage Reporting, SSI Telephone Wage Reporting, or by visiting a local field office.

We're constantly expanding and improving our services to put you in control of your time by providing them when, where, and how you need them.

You and your clients can visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) today to learn more about this new online service.

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# The Social Security Disability Webinar Series is Back!



## Social Security Disability Programs- The Medical Decision Process

We are offering this webinar on two different dates/times for your convenience. Please register for the date and time that works best for you.

The two options that will appear in the drop down box after clicking on the link to register are:

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM EST

**Register now!**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/7725686952981519107>

This Webinar is going to explain what that process is so that you are equipped to better assist those applying for SSI/SSDI. Social Security Professional Relations Officer Jenna Shackelford will guide you through "a day in the life of a Disability Examiner".

Jenna will explain the importance of the Sequential Evaluation Process and help you understand important factors of consideration such as the applicant's age, education, past work, and transferability of skills. She will also share what the pertinent medical records are for both physical and mental impairments for adults and children. She will explain the Consultative Examination process so that you have a better understanding of why they are needed and who may need them. Instead of obtaining all medical records, Jenna will share the relevant time frames for medical evidence to make the preparation easier. Plus, you will discover the numerous forms, information and tools already available online.

As an advocate that works with individuals with a disability, this webinar will enable you to assist your clients in providing the most comprehensive, complete application possible.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

**FREE**  
**Webinars**

# Is that Phone Call from Social Security?

Unfortunately some of your clients may be receiving threatening messages from an unknown number indicating that their Social Security benefits will stop immediately unless they provide some personal information. It is happening daily to thousands of Americans. It is not Social Security calling.

Scammers have many ways to lure their victims into providing information and then stealing their identities. Sometimes they call under a guise of helping to complete a disability application. Protecting personal information is an important part of Social Security's mission to secure today and tomorrow. Any request from our agency will come as a written notice first. If one of our representatives does call, we always provide a telephone number and extension.



Assure your clients that Social Security will never do any of the following:

- Call to demand an immediate payment;
- Demand they pay a debt without the ability to appeal the amount due;
- Require a specific means of payment, such as requiring payment with a pre-paid debit card;
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone;
- Threaten with arrest or deportation.

If anyone receive one of these scam calls or emails, do not provide any information to them. Instead, hang up immediately. For Social Security impersonations, contact Social Security's Office of Inspector General at <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>.

## Enumeration Beyond Entry – New Service!

Social Security is collaborating with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to provide a new service to our customers. As of October 2, 2017, there's an automated Social Security number (SSN) application process for noncitizens residing in the U.S. applying for employment authorization.

Enumeration Beyond Entry (EBE) eliminates the need for many noncitizens to visit a field office or card center to apply for a SSN card. Now, the DHS's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has enumeration-specific questions on their application for employment authorization (Form I-765). Every day, the USCIS electronically sends Social Security the enumeration-specific information from approved applications that requested an original or replacement SSN card.

Social Security is continuously expanding its services to put your clients in control and secure today and tomorrow.



## How Social Security Serves Our Veterans

Social Security benefits every veteran should know about:

**Disability Services** —The effects of military service can be profound and lasting. Social Security pays disability benefits to veterans through the Social Security disability insurance and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) programs. Our disability insurance program pays benefits to you and certain members of your family if you've worked long enough and paid enough Social Security taxes to qualify.

**Accelerated processing for some Veteran claims** —Veterans who have a VA compensation rating of 100 percent permanent and total (P&T) have the opportunity to receive expedited processing of applications for Social Security disability benefits. <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10565.pdf>

**Help integrating back into the workforce** — Our online guide, *Journey to Success: Employment Tools for Veterans with Disabilities*, highlights resources, such as career counseling, job training, employment services, and other ways that we help disabled veterans return to work.  
<https://www.ssa.gov/people/materials/pdfs/EN-05-10282.pdf>

**Career opportunities for Veterans** — We offer several career options in diverse fields for our heroes as well as preference in hiring. You can learn more about how Social Security helps secure today and tomorrow for our veterans and their families on our veteran's page. See below for more.

### New! Veteran's Resource Page

Check out the new Veterans People Like Me webpage found at: [www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/](http://www.ssa.gov/people/veterans/). It serves as a handy one-stop shop for Veteran's resources.

There is a new specialized Veterans Life's Journey Handout and Roadmap along with an abundance of information on benefits for Wound Warriors and Veterans with a VA compensation rating of 100% Permanent and Total. The page also contains useful links to resources and information available through the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense. This one-stop hub of information for veterans will be there to guide them through any questions that might arise as they travel the road of life's journey.

## Future Michigan Updates

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