



FARMER & WRIGHT, PLLC
ATTORNEYS

Re: Case Status

Dear Client,

We wanted to provide you an update on your Social Security Disability (SSD) claim. Farmer & Wright has received a denial in your initial application for disability. This denial is, unfortunately, common as the majority of the initial application are denied.

Farmer & Wright will now file an appeal called a Request for Reconsideration. It is just that; we are asking the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reconsider their denial. Before requesting a Hearing, we have to get declined twice.

There is nothing you need to do at this point beyond continue to receive medical treatment. Make sure you are attending all doctor appointments, documenting pain, and updating our Disability Treatment Hotline of your medical treatment.

Remember, the Disability Treatment Hotline phone number is 844-369-9776

You do not need to worry about forwarding letters from SSA as our office is receiving them as well.

We will update you when we file your Request for Reconsideration. That should be within this month.

You can check the status of your disability claim online at the SSA website (ssa.gov).

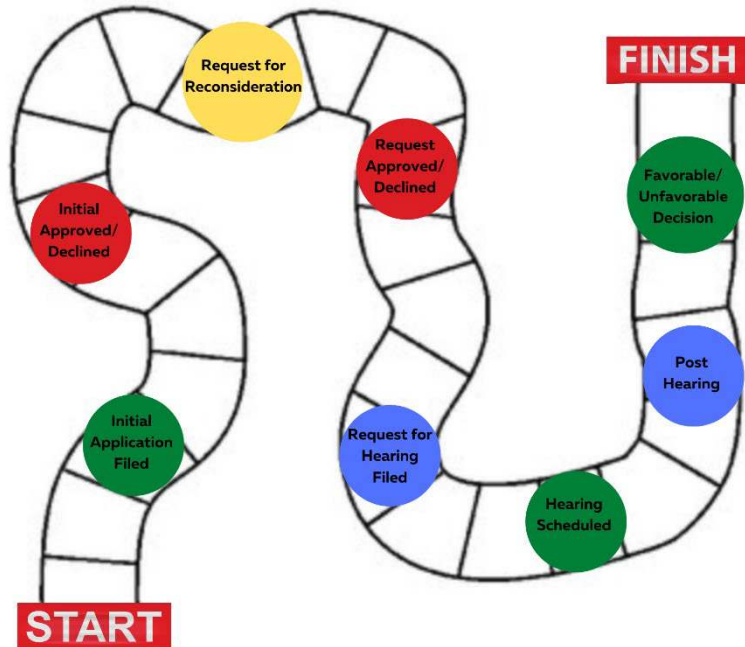
If you have any questions, please email us at VIP@farmerwright.com.

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Case Update: Initial Application Denied

The Social Security Process is anything but simple. It involves several steps.

The Initial Level: Filing an initial application is where your case for disability benefits begins. This step in the process can take approximately 3-6 months. Social Security requests all of your medical records and reviews your case for a determination. Unfortunately, the odds of winning at the first level are relatively low – but that’s where we come in. If denied, we then file the appeal to the “reconsideration level.”



The Reconsideration Level: At

this level, the administration reviews your case and requests any medical updates. This step also takes approximately 3-6 months. The odds of winning at the reconsideration level are still very low. Do not get discouraged. If denied at reconsideration, we can then appeal the decision to an Administrative Law Judge.

The Hearing Level: this step is where we can present your case before a Judge and explain why you are disabled. This point in the process is where we have the most success in obtaining disability benefits for people. The current approximate wait time to get a hearing before a Social Security Administrative Law Judge is between 18-24 months.

8 Things You Can Do To Help Your Disability Claim

- If you need medical treatment or a doctor recommended medical treatment, please **GET IT.**
- Attend all of your medical appointments, including therapy.
- Make sure to request your doctor or medical professional to fully update your medical file about the medical issues you are having (i.e., pain, new issues, recurring issues, etc.)
- Take all prescribed medication
- Follow doctor’s orders and request
- If you need assistance with mental health, request a referral to a specialist
- If you have chronic migraines, seizures, etc., make sure you document it to the best you can. (Write it on your calendar at home.)
- Update the Disability Hotline at 844-369-9776 after every doctor’s appointment.

After you have obtained any medical treatment, please call **Farmer & Wright Disability Treatment Hotline at 844-369-9776 to report all your treatment.**

This is preferred way to report your medical treatment.