

## Is It Possible to Collect SSDI and Retirement Social Security Benefits?

Q: Once you reach retirement age, do you get social security benefits from both the social security retirement program and the disability program?

A: No, you cannot receive both retirement and disability payments. Once you reach full retirement age, you will collect only payments from the retirement program. The amount you receive in social security benefits, however, will remain the same. Your benefits will automatically convert.

Q: Are you in jeopardy of losing your social security benefits, if a review of your case is currently being done?

A: All claimants that receive disability benefits will have their file periodically reviewed. The reviews are conducted every several years. Since there can be a backlog of cases, the reviews may not happen for a year or two after they are supposed to. For that reason, you come across claimants who are surprised to have their cases under review for the first time after years and years. Do not be concerned if your case is currently under review. A review is supposed to be done. It is not an indication that your social security benefits will be discontinued. The reviews are conducted to make sure your claims representative has all the current data about your injury, treatment and ability to work. Most cases that undergo a continuing disability review are approved for continued social security benefits. There needs to be medical data that demonstrates that the condition has resolved to a point that a person could take on employment, in order for payments to stop. If you do not have recent records of medical treatment, Social Security may request that you receive a medical exam as part of the review. A request for a medical exam should not cause you any worry. The purpose of the exam is to assure your case has current and thorough data.

Q: Do you still have to pay your social security lawyer if your disability case is denied?

A: Social security lawyers receive payment after a claim receives approval. SSA sets the guidelines for attorney fees. Your lawyer will collect 25 percent of any retroactive benefits for which you are paid. A social security disability lawyer cannot collect more than \$5,300, regardless of how much your backpay benefits are. If your claim is denied benefits, your attorney does not receive a payment.

## About the Author

More topics related to [social security lawyer](#), link to [www.HillandPonton.com](http://www.HillandPonton.com).

Source: <http://www.seo27.com>