

SSI in Maryland and Virginia

What is SSI?

SSI (Supplemental Security Income) makes monthly payments to people with low income and limited resources who have disabilities. If your child is under 18, they can qualify if they have a medical condition, or combination of conditions that meets Social Security's definition of disability for children, and if their income and resources fall within the eligibility limits.

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides monthly payments to adults and children with a disability or blindness who have income and resources below specific financial limits. Parents of children under the age of 18 need to apply on behalf of their child and meet income requirements. This benefit also requires your child to be a U.S. citizen or naturalized or meet very specific immigration status requirements.

When you apply for SSI payments for your child based on a disability, they will ask for detailed information about your child's medical condition and about how it affects the child's ability to perform daily activities. They also will ask you to give permission to the doctors, teachers, therapists and other professionals who have information about your child's condition to share that information. If you have any of your child's medical or school records, please bring them with you when you meet with a Social Security representative.

Apply for SSI:

- 1-800-772-1213
For other languages, stay on the line and remain silent during the English voice automation prompts until a representative answers. The representative will contact an interpreter to help with your call.
- <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html>
- In person: <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>

For more information, please contact the **Department of Family Services-Social Work Services** at 202-476-3070 or visit our resources page by scanning the QR code.

