

What to do if your SSI benefits were cut off when you turned 18

When you turn 18, the Social Security Administration (SSA) reviews your case to see if you still meet the requirements to receive SSI. The rules change when you turn 18, and some people lose their benefits.

If your benefits were cut off, TAKE ACTION NOW! Here's how:

- **Appeal NOW.** If your SSI is cut off, you should appeal the decision **immediately.** If you respond within 10 days of getting the cut-off letter, you will keep getting your SSI checks at least until you have a hearing. To appeal, contact your local Social Security office to get an appeal form.
- **Keep seeing your doctors and therapists regularly.** The Social Security Administration (SSA) needs proof that you are still disabled when you turn 18. It is very important to see your doctors and therapists regularly to give SSA the information it needs to make its decision.
- **Collect all documents from school and doctors.** Medical and school records are very important for your SSI case. Put all papers from doctors and school in a safe place and bring them to any meetings about your case.
- **Tell SSA if you move.** SSA will send you letters when it reviews your case. It is important for them to have your current address so you can respond quickly and avoid missing deadlines.
- **Don't worry about an overpayment.** You will not have to pay for an overpayment for checks you receive during your appeal as long as you think you are still disabled.



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Where to Get Help

Community Legal Services North Philadelphia Law Center

1410 West Erie Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19140*

*If you have been denied SSI because Social Security said you were not disabled:

Tuesday and Thursday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

*For all other Social Security / SSI Issues:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

OR

Community Legal Services Center City Office

1424 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**Only if you have been denied SSI because Social Security said you were not disabled