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Eligibility for Social Security Disability Benefits

Why You Are Receiving This Form

OPM records show that you have not received a decision from the Social Security Administration (SSA). By law, OPM is required to deduct all or part of Social Security Disability benefits from the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) disability benefit paid to a retiree. OPM records show that you are not receiving a disability benefit from SSA and that your FERS disability benefit is not reduced for Social Security benefits. Complete the form to tell OPM the current status of your Social Security application for disability benefits.

What to Do Based on Your Situation

If you have not yet received a decision from SSA: Wait until a decision is made before letting OPM know. If a Social Security benefit is awarded, OPM will need the monthly amount and the date it begins.

If you were denied Social Security disability benefits: OPM needs to know whether you requested reconsideration or plan to file an appeal of the denial. If you appeal and a benefit is awarded, OPM needs the beginning monthly amount of your SSA benefit and the date it begins.

If you were denied based on gainful employment: If the denial was because you had not separated from your agency when you applied, you must reapply for Social Security disability benefits so SSA can make a decision based on your disabling condition. This is a requirement, and reapplying is most likely in your financial interest.

If you are awarded Social Security disability benefits in the future: Send a photocopy of the SSA decision statement to the OPM address above. You may instead call 1-888-767-6738 or email retire@opm.gov.

How to Complete and Return the Form

1. Read all of the information on the form.
2. Check all boxes and answer all questions that apply to you (see the status options below).
3. Fill in your name, claim number, email address, telephone number, signature, and date.
4. Submit the form.