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## **Applying for Disability Benefits with an Endocrine Related Growth Disorder**

An endocrine related growth disorder can cause a variety of issues for infants and children, delaying or stopping proper development. Some of the complications caused by endocrine disorders can in turn follow a child into adulthood, resulting in life-long complications and limitations.

Endocrine disorders are often detected at birth or soon after. In some cases, however, a disorder is only found when a child fails to keep pace with others his or her own age in terms of height or weight attainment. Damage to the pituitary gland in childhood can also lead to a growth disorder.

Regardless of when the disorder is discovered however, an infant or child may be able to qualify for Social Security disability benefits through the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. When complications from a growth disorder cause lasting impairments, an adult may be able to get Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits in addition to or instead of SSI.

## **Disability Benefits and Program Requirements**

Disability benefits through the SSA have both medical eligibility and technical requirements that must be met in order to qualify.

- SSI is a “need-based” program in which income and assets of a family unit are reviewed as part of the eligibility determination process.
- SSDI has “work credit” requirements that often limit eligibility to disabled workers with at least 10 years of employment history. In some cases, however, minor and adult children are able to qualify for benefits under the work history of a parent, legal guardian, or grandparent.

Whether you’re applying for disability for yourself or on behalf of a child with an Endocrine related growth disorder, you’ll want to investigate eligibility for both SSI and SSDI benefits. An SSA representative, disability advocate, or an attorney can help you understand eligibility requirements and whether you or your child can meet them.

## **Medically Qualifying for Benefits with an Endocrine Related Growth Disorder**

To qualify with an Endocrine related growth disorder, a child or adult must:

- meet a disability listing,
- closely match one listing, or parts of several listings, in terms of severity level,
- or experience severe functional limitations that result in disability.

The SSA determines eligibility a few ways, the most common being the “[Blue Book](#)”, which is a listing of various conditions and a manual to evaluate these conditions. (See end of article for a listing of various conditions and their Blue Book Listings)

Note: The SSA website may take a while to load.

You should request your doctor's assistance with understanding listed requirements, especially since the Blue Book can be complicated and difficult to navigate as a non-medical professional. Your doctor can also help you know whether you or a child is likely to qualify through the Blue Book, or if the SSA will need to review "functional capacity" to determine eligibility.

### **Qualifying without Meeting or Matching a Disability Listing**

The SSA looks at functional capacity when an applicant doesn't qualify through a disability listing. This is done with a "functional review," which requires the completion of additional disability questionnaires by you, your doctor, and potentially others, like a caregiver or family member.

If the SSA finds severe functional limitations that prevent involvement in age-appropriate activities for children, then benefits may be granted. For adults, the SSA must find severe limitations that prevent gainful employment in order to find an applicant eligible through a functional review.

### **Applying for Benefits**

Whether you apply for SSI for yourself or for a minor child, you must apply in person at your [local SSA office](#) or call 1-800-772-1213. SSDI applications though can be filled out and submitted online, via the [SSA's website](#). If, however, you're hoping to get SSDI benefits for a minor child under your own or someone else's work history, then you'll want to contact SSA for more information, advice, and assistance.

### **Childhood Blue Book Listings by Disorder:**

**Note:** This list is not exhaustive, your child may qualify for disability benefits under other listings, or from a functional review by the SSA. If you do not see your child's condition listed, it is still possible that they may be eligible for benefits based on their condition.

#### **Panhypopituitarism:**

- [100.00- Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)

#### **Optic Nerve Hypoplasia/Septo-Optic Dysplasia:**

- [102.00 – Special Senses and Speech](#)
- [111.00 – Neurological Disorders](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)
- [112- Mental Disorders](#)

#### **Russell-Silver Syndrome:**

- [100.00- Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [105.00 Digestive System](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)

#### **Congenital Adrenal *Hyper*plasia:**

- [100.00- Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [101.00- Musculoskeletal disorders, such as adrenal related osteoporosis](#)
- [104.00 –Cardiovascular, such as adrenal related hypertension](#)
- [105.00 – Digestive, such as adrenal related weight loss](#)
- [106.00 –Genitourinary Disorders](#)

**Congenital Adrenal Hypoplasia:**

- [100.00- Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [101.00- Musculoskeletal disorders, such as adrenal related osteoporosis](#)
- [102.00 – Special Senses and Speech](#)
- [104.00 –Cardiovascular, such as adrenal related hypertension](#)
- [105.00 – Digestive, such as adrenal related weight loss](#)
- [106.00 –Genitourinary Disorders](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)

**McCune-Albright Syndrome:**

- [101.00– Musculoskeletal](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)

**Hypophosphatasia:**

- [101.00– Musculoskeletal](#)
- [100.00- Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [102.00 – Special Senses and Speech](#)
- [103 .00 Respiratory System](#)
- [105.00 – Digestive, such as adrenal related weight loss](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)
- [110.00 Congenital Disorders affecting Multiple Body Systems](#)
- [111.00- Neurological](#)
- [114.00 – Immune System Disorders](#)
- Compassionate Allowance Listing, Hypophosphatasia

**Adrenal Insufficiency:**

- [100.00- -Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [101.00-- Musculoskeletal disorders, such as adrenal related osteoporosis](#)
- [104.00 –Cardiovascular, such as adrenal related hypertension](#)
- [105.00 – Digestive, such as adrenal related weight loss](#)
- [112.00 – Mental Disorders](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)

**Cushings:**

- [101.00-- Musculoskeletal disorders, such as adrenal related osteoporosis](#)
- [104.00 –Cardiovascular, such as adrenal related hypertension](#)
- [105.00 – Digestive, such as adrenal related weight loss](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)
- [112.00 – Mental Disorders](#)

**Small for Gestational Age:**

- [100.00- -Low Birth Weight/Failure to Thrive](#)
- [105.00 – Digestive, such as adrenal related weight loss](#)
- [109.00- Endocrine disorders](#)

***The MAGIC Foundation would like to thank & acknowledge the Outreach Specialists at Social Security Disability Help. If you would like to determine if you or your child may qualify for disability, you can obtain a free Disability Evaluation by visiting their website at [www.disabilitybenefitscenter.org](http://www.disabilitybenefitscenter.org).***

By requesting a free evaluation, the user will be provided with the name of an independent lawyer or advocate who will contact the user to do the evaluation. DisabilityBenefitsCenter.org is not a lawyer or law firm. It is an advertising service paid for by the lawyers and advocates whose names are provided in response to user requests and it is not an attorney referral service.