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Can My Family Members Collect Social Security Disability Based on My Account?

If you are receiving Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, certain family members who are dependent on you for income may be able to receive payments too. Their benefit amounts will be based on your SSDI payments.



An eligible family member may be:

- Your spouse age 62 or older – unless already collecting a Social Security benefit based on his or her own earnings.
- Your spouse of any age, if caring for a disabled child or a child who is under age 16.
- Your divorced spouse age 62 or older. He or she must be unmarried and not eligible for a higher benefit based on his or her own earnings. You must have been married for at least 10 years.
- Your unmarried children under age 18 **or** those who are full-time students ages 18-19. An eligible child is your biological child, adopted child or stepchild. A dependent grandchild may qualify as well.
- Your adult child who was disabled before age 22.
- Your disabled child.

When applying for benefits, each family member must provide certificates of birth, marriage, and divorce.

Is There a Maximum Family Amount of Benefits?

Any of the above-mentioned family members who qualify for SSDI benefits based on your payments will receive benefits up to 50% of your own payment.

There is an overall family limit, although ***your own SSDI benefit will never be reduced.*** In general, the family limit is 150% to 180% of your benefit. In order to not exceed this limit, payments that your eligible family members receive will be reduced proportionately.

There is, however, one exception to this limiting process. Any payments made to a divorced spouse will **not** be applied against the family limit, so your family benefits will not be affected.

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To learn more, visit the Social Security Administration's [Disability Planner: Family Members](#).

As you can see, the rules governing SSDI benefit eligibility for family members are complex. Please let us help you and your family get the payments that you deserve.

From My Blog:

New Medicare Cards Are Coming

In an effort to prevent fraud and identity theft, the Social Security Administration (SSA) is replacing Medicare cards for all beneficiaries, including many of those receiving Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits. The new cards **will not** display the beneficiary's Social Security number. Instead, each card will have a randomly assigned Medicare Beneficiary Identifier composed of 11 letters and numbers.



[Click here to read more](#)

Feel Like Day Tripping? Southern California Has a Lot to Offer

Are you ready to hit the road this weekend for a spontaneous adventure? These fun day trips will get you up and out to enjoy everything our region has to offer.

- [Salton Sea State Recreation Area](#). Formed by a 1905 Colorado River flood that filled the Salton Sink, 227 feet below sea level, this inland sea is so salty that even saltwater fish can't live here. Explore the eerie white beach made of crushed sea creature bones before this shrinking marvel goes away altogether.
- [Laguna Beach](#). Not just for beach volleyball, this charming seaside town is also a vibrant art colony with painters, potters and glass-blowers. Art lovers and theater-goers love the annual [Pageant of the Masters](#), where live actors depict famous works of art complete with magnificent costumes, lighting and backdrops.
- [Balboa Island](#). Step back in time and explore the old Bay Arcade and Balboa Fun Zone on the peninsula. Raid the candy stores and then take a stroll along the harbor. Don't miss the free Balboa Island Artwalk.
- [Santa Barbara](#). Explore this center of extremes, from its 230-year-old mission to the new Moxi museum with amazing hands-on attractions for kids and adults. With top-notch restaurants, the zoo, the wharf and plenty of beaches, there is something for everyone.
- [Disneyland](#). If you haven't recently visited this 62-year old theme park, you're in for a real treat. The recently opened Guardians of the Galaxy – Mission: BREAKOUT! ride is a rocking, free-fall adventure. Although you will have to wait until 2019 to experience the Star Wars-themed lands, there are plenty of thrilling rides and amazing shows to re-visit.
- [Solvang](#). This gem tucked away in the Santa Inez Valley is like a visit to a Danish fairy tale – with 20 wine tasting rooms. But don't miss getting up close and personal with ostriches and emus at [Ostrichland](#).



If you or a loved one has been denied Worker's Compensation or Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800.438.7734** for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. The [Kenton Koszdin Law Office](#), [Social Security attorney in Van Nuys](#), can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.

Recipe of the Month

Spicy Sriracha Shrimp

Spark up the grill with shrimp marinated in a few simple ingredients that when combined creates a warm, lasting, and assertive heat without being overbearing. Pile them on a platter and watch them disappear!

Ingredients

- 1/3 cup Sriracha
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 3 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 handful cilantro, roughly chopped, plus more for garnish
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 pounds large shrimp (16 to 20 count), peeled and deveined



Directions

1. Mix together the Sriracha, olive oil, Worcestershire sauce, garlic, cilantro, and sugar. Season aggressively with salt and pepper. Put in a 1-gallon plastic bag, add the shrimp, and mix together in the bag. Marinate in the fridge for 2 to 4 hours. Or longer.
2. Heat a grill. Skewer the shrimp (4 to 6 shrimp per skewer) and grill until pink and delicious, 2 to 3 minutes per side.
3. Remove the shrimp from the grill, slide the shrimp from the skewer using a fork, and pile on a serving platter. Sprinkle with finely chopped cilantro, and throw a few toothpicks in a few shrimp. Watch them disappear.

Recipe courtesy of Food52

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School of Rock - The Musical
Pantages Theatre
Los Angeles, CA

May 3 - 6

Cirque du Soleil - Sep7imo Dia
Parking
LA Forum
Inglewood, CA

May 5

Freestyle Festival
Queen Mary
Long Beach, CA

May 5

FESTIVAL 5 DE MAYO
ARCEO PARK
El Monte, CA

May 5

Lionel Richie with Mariah Carey
Hollywood Bowl
Los Angeles, CA

May 12

Sip & Slider Craft Beer Festival
Shoreline Aquatic Park
Long Beach, CA

May 12

Grand Cupcake 5K Race
Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
Los Angeles, CA

May 16

U2
LA Forum
Inglewood, CA

May 18 - 19

Taylor Swift
Rose Bowl Stadium
Pasadena, CA

May 31

Pink
Staples Center
Los Angeles, CA

