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# Social Security Administration Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance Important Information

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1500 Woodlawn Drive  
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Date: November 12, 2016  
Claim Number: [REDACTED]



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We are enclosing a copy of a letter we are sending to Gina Tassone. If you have any questions, please call us at the telephone number shown.

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**Social Security Administration**  
**Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance**  
 Notice of Award

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GINA TASSONE  
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We are writing to let you know that you are entitled to monthly disability benefits from Social Security beginning December 2012.

### Your Benefits

The following chart shows your benefit amount(s) before any deductions or rounding. The amount you actually receive may differ from your full benefit amount. When we figure how much to pay you, we must deduct certain amounts, such as Medicare premiums and worker's compensation offset. We must also round down to the nearest dollar.

Beginning Date	Benefit Amount	Reason
December 2012	\$ 1,808.10	Entitlement began
January 2013	\$ 1,811.70	Credit for additional earnings
December 2013	\$ 1,838.80	Cost of living adjustment
December 2014	\$ 1,870.00	Cost of living adjustment

### What We Will Pay

We are holding your Social Security benefits for December 2012 through October 2016. We may have to reduce these benefits if you received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for this period. We will not reduce your past-due benefits if you did not get SSI benefits for those months.

However, we will withhold part of any past-due benefits to pay the lawyer.

When we decide how much you are due for this period, we will send you another letter.

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We are paying you beginning December 2016.

- You will receive \$1,626.20, which is the money you are due for November 2016.
- After that, you will receive \$1,626.20 each month.
- Your first payment is for \$1,626.20.
- This is the money you are due through November 2016.
- After that, you will receive \$1,748.00 on or about the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Your monthly payments will go to the financial institution you selected.

- The day of the month you receive your payments depends on your date of birth.

#### **The Date You Became Disabled**

We found that you became disabled under our rules on April 2, 2012.

#### **Information About Lawyer's Fees**

We have approved the fee agreement between you and your lawyer.

#### **How to Ask Us to Review the Fee**

You, the lawyer or the person who decided your case can ask us to review the amount of the fee we say the lawyer can charge.

If you think the amount of the fee is too high, write us within 15 days from the day you get this letter. Tell us that you disagree with the amount of the fee and give your reasons. Send your request to this address:

Social Security Administration  
Office of Disability Adjudication and Review  
Attorney Fee Branch  
5107 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3255

The lawyer also has 15 days to write us if he or she thinks the amount of the fee is too low.

If we do not hear from you or the lawyer, we will assume you both agree with the amount of the fee shown.

Your past-due Social Security benefits are \$86,794.80 for December 2012 through October 2016. Because of the law, we usually withhold 25 percent of the total past-due benefits or

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the maximum payable under the fee agreement to pay an approved lawyer's fee. We withheld \$6,000.00 from your past-due benefits to pay the lawyer.

Under the fee agreement, the lawyer can charge you no more than \$6,000.00 for his or her work on your Social Security claim. The amount of the fee does not include any out-of-pocket expenses (for example, costs to get copies of doctors' or hospitals' reports). This is a matter between you and the lawyer.

### Information About Medicare

You are entitled to hospital insurance under Medicare beginning December 2014.

You are entitled to medical insurance under Medicare beginning November 2016.

If you want your medical insurance to start earlier, you can choose to have it start in December 2014. To start your medical insurance earlier, you must do the following things within 60 days after the date of this notice:

- tell us in writing that you want medical insurance beginning December 2014;

AND

- pay us \$2,412.70 or tell us we can withhold this amount from your check. This amount covers the premiums due from December 2014 through October 2016.

If you would find it hard to pay the premium amount you would owe in a lump sum, ask us about other ways to pay the premium.

If you choose to have your medical insurance start in December 2014, your current monthly premium will be \$104.90. If you do not choose the earlier date, your monthly premium will be \$121.80.

We are taking medical insurance premiums due through December 2016 out of the check you will receive around December 28, 2016. These premiums total \$243.60. We will deduct medical insurance premiums 1 month in advance.

We are deducting past-due premiums from your check.

### Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Enrollment

Now that you are eligible for Medicare, you can enroll in a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D).

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To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and when you can enroll, visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048). Medicare also can tell you about agencies in your area that can help you choose your prescription drug coverage.

If you have limited income and resources, we encourage you to apply for the extra help that is available to assist with Medicare prescription drug costs. The extra help can pay the monthly premiums, annual deductibles and prescription co-payments. To learn more or apply, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov), call 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) or visit the nearest Social Security office.

### **Other Social Security Benefits**

This benefit is the only benefit you can receive from us at this time. In the future, if you think you might qualify for another benefit from us, you will need to apply again.

### **Your Responsibilities**

The decisions we made on your claim are based on information you gave us. If this information changes, it could affect your benefits. For this reason, it is important that you report changes to us right away. We have enclosed a pamphlet, "What You Need To Know When You Get Social Security Disability Benefits". It will tell you what must be reported and how to report. Be sure to read the parts of the pamphlet which explain what to do if you go to work or if your health improves.

### **Things To Remember**

The doctors and other trained personnel who decided that you are disabled expect your health to improve. Therefore, we will review your case in April 2018. We will send you a letter before we start the review. Based on that review, your benefits will continue if you are still disabled, but will end if you are no longer disabled.

### **Do You Think We Are Wrong?**

If you do not agree with this decision, you have the right to appeal. We will review your case and look at any new facts you have. A person who did not make the first decision will decide your case. We will review the parts of the decision that you think are wrong and correct any mistakes. We may also review the parts of our decision that you think are right. We will make a decision that may or may not be in your favor.

- You have 60 days to ask for an appeal.

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- The 60 days start the day after you receive this letter. We assume you received this letter 5 days after the date on it unless you show us that you did not receive it within the 5-day period.
- You must have a good reason if you wait more than 60 days to ask for an appeal.
- You can file an appeal with any Social Security office. You must ask for an appeal in writing. Please use our "Request for Reconsideration" form, SSA-561-U2. You may go to our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov/online/](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/online/) to find the form. You can also call, write, or visit us to request the form. If you need help to fill out the form, we can help you by phone or in person.

### **If You Want Help With Your Appeal**

You can have a friend, representative, or someone else help you. There are groups that can help you find a representative or give you free legal services if you qualify. There also are representatives who do not charge unless you win your appeal. Your local Social Security office has a list of groups that can help you with your appeal.

If you get someone to help you, you should let us know. If you hire someone, we must approve the fee before he or she can collect it. And if you hire a representative who is eligible for direct pay, we will withhold up to 25 percent of any past due benefits to pay toward the fee.

### **Suspect Social Security Fraud?**

Please visit <http://oig.ssa.gov/r> or call the Inspector General's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 (TTY 1-866-501-2101).

### **If You Have Questions**

We invite you to visit our website at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) on the Internet to find general information about Social Security. If you have any specific questions, you may call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213, or call your local Social Security office at 1-866-783-7604. We can answer most questions over the phone. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. You can also write or visit any Social Security office. The office that serves your area is located at:

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If you do call or visit an office, please have this letter with you. It will help us answer your questions. Also, if you plan to visit an office, you may call ahead to make an appointment. This will help us serve you more quickly when you arrive at the office.

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