



SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Notice

Office of Hearings Operations
142 Hearing Lane
Claimsville, NC 23405

December 1, 2023

Andrea Applicant
9 Cottage Avenue
Claimsville, NC 23406

Notice of Decision— Unfavorable

I carefully reviewed the facts of your case and made the enclosed decision. Please read this notice and my decision.

If You Disagree With the Decision

If you disagree with my decision, you may file an appeal with the Appeals Council.

How to File An Appeal

To file an appeal, you or your representative must ask in writing that the Appeals Council review my decision. The preferred method for filling your appeal is by using our secure online process available at <https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/disability/appeal.html>.

You may also use our Request for Review form (HA- 520) or write a letter. The form is available at <https://www.ssa.gov/forms/ha-520.html>. Please write the Social Security number associated with this case on any appeal you file. You may call (800) 772-1213 with questions.

Please send your request to:

**Social Security Administration
Office of Appellate Operations
6401 Security Blvd
Baltimore, MD 21235-6401**

Time Limit To File An Appeal

You must file your written appeal **within 60 days** of the date you get this notice. The Appeals Council assumes you got this notice 5 days after the date of the notice unless you show you did not get it within the 5-day period.

The Appeals Council will dismiss a late request unless you show you had a good reason for not filing it on

time.

What Else You May Send Us

You or your representative may send us a written statement about your case. You may also send us new evidence. You should send your written statement and any new evidence **with your** appeal. Sending your written statement and any new evidence with your appeal may help us review your case sooner.

How an Appeal Works

The Appeals Council will consider your entire case. It will consider all of my decision, even the parts with which you agree. Review can make any part of my decision more or less favorable or unfavorable to you. The rules the Appeals Council uses are in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 20, Chapter III, Part 404 (Subpart J) and Part 416 (Subpart N).

The Appeals Council may:

- Deny your appeal,
- Return your case to me or another administrative law judge for a new decision,
- Issue its own decision, or
- Dismiss your case.

The Appeals Council will send you a notice telling you what it decides to do. If the Appeals Council denies your appeal, my decision will become the final decision.

The Appeals Council May Review the Decision on Its Own

The Appeals Council may decide to review my decision even if you do not appeal. They may decide to review my decision within 60 days after the date of the decision. The Appeals Council will mail you a notice of review if they decide to review my decision.

When There Is No Appeals Council Review

If you do not appeal and the Appeals Council does not review my decision on its own, my decision will become final. A final decision can be changed only under special circumstances. You will not have the right to Federal court review.

New Application

You have the right to file a new application at any time, but filing a new application is not the same as appealing this decision. If you disagree with my decision and you file a new application instead of appealing, you might lose some benefits or not qualify for benefits at all. If you disagree with my decision, you should file an appeal within 60 days.

If You Have Any Questions

We invite you to visit our website located at www.socialsecurity.gov to find answers to general questions about social security. You may also call (800) 772-1213 with questions. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, please use our TTY number (800) 623-0778.

If you have any other questions, please call, write, or visit any Social Security office. Please have this notice and decision with you. The telephone number of the local office that services your area is (877) 123-4567. Its address is:

Social Security
23 Cloverleaf Lane
Suite 207
Clainsville, NC 23409-0105

Jessica J. Justice
Administrative Law Judge

Enclosures:
Decision Rationale
Form HA-L39 (Exhibit List)

