More than 2 million Americans apply for Social Security disability every year. If you are no longer able to work because of a disabling condition, like Huntington’s disease, it is important to apply for disability as soon as possible.

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Many claims are denied for technical reasons (working too much, not enough work credits, too many resources), confirm your eligibility before applying for disability.

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Only 18% of applicants appeal to the hearing stage, but this stage has the highest rate of approval so it is important to appeal.

Less than 1% of cases appeal to Federal Court, a decision can take years, and cases are sent back to the Administrative hearing for a final decision.

**DISABILITY FACTS & FIGURES**

- **HD** is a compassionate allowance condition
- **Average monthly benefit** is $1200
- **Disability claim processing time:**
  - Initial: 6 months
  - Reconsideration: 3-4 Months
  - Hearing: 12-24 Months
  - Appeals Council: 12-16 Months
- **Approval Rates:**
  - Initial: 32%
  - Reconsideration: 6%
  - Hearing: 60%
  - Appeals Council: 2%