

Each year, we help hundreds of residents who are having problems with their Social Security and Medicare benefits. If you have had troubles dealing with the [Social Security Administration \(SSA\)](#) or the [Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#), we might be able to help you too. Please return a completed [Privacy Act Release Form](#) to my Mobile office so that I may contact the SSA on your behalf.

Frequently Asked Questions:

How Do I Contact the Social Security Administration?

You may contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) by telephone at 1-800-772-1213

(TTY 1-800-325-0778) or by visiting their [website](#) .

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You may contact your local SSA office at the phone numbers below:

Baldwin County – (251) 928-2504 or TTY (251) 990-3568

Clarke, Monroe, and Washington Counties – (251) 246-6018 or TTY (251) 246-9378

Escambia County – (334) 222-9701

Mobile County – (866) 593-1922

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How Do I Apply For Social Security Disability Benefits?

The [Social Security disability](#) insurance program (sometimes referred to as SSDI) pays benefits to you and certain family members if you worked long enough and paid Social Security taxes. Your [adult child](#) also may qualify for benefits on your earnings record if he or she has a [disability that started before age 22](#).

To apply for benefits or ask questions, please visit the [Social Security website](#) .

How Do I Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?

The [Supplemental Security Income](#) (SSI) program pays benefits to disabled adults and [children](#) who have limited income and resources.

SSI benefits also are payable to people 65 and older without disabilities who meet the financial limits.

To apply for benefits or to ask questions, please visit [Social Security website](#) .

How Do I Apply for Retirement Benefits?

To apply for benefits or to get more information about the SSA retirement program, please visit the [Social Security website](#) .

How Do I Apply for Survivors' Benefits?

Please visit the [Social Security website](#) for valuable information for survivors on how to report a death and to determine if you are eligible to receive a one-time lump sum death benefit payment of \$255.

How Do I Apply For Medicare Benefits?

Please visit the [Social Security website](#) for helpful Medicare links.

Generally, the SSA advises people to file for Medicare benefits 3 months before age 65. Remember, Medicare benefits can begin no earlier than age 65. If you are already receiving Social Security, you will automatically be enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B without an additional application. However, because you must pay a premium for Part B coverage, you have the option of turning it down. You will receive a Medicare card about two months before age 65.

