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Social Security Disability Attorneys: Disabling Diseases

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If a debilitating disease prevents you from working, you may be entitled to receive **Social Security disability (SSDI)** benefits. The Social Security Administration (SSA) has a list of the diseases and conditions that qualify for SSDI benefits. These conditions are listed in the **SSA blue book**. These diseases and conditions include but are not limited to:

- *Cancer
- *Chronic heart failure
- *Blindness
- *Hearing impairment
- *Cystic fibrosis
- *Chronic liver disease
- *Kidney disease
- *Parkinson's disease
- *Multiple sclerosis
- *HIV infection
- *and many others

Both physical and **mental illnesses** are included in the SSA list. While the list is comprehensive, it is not exhaustive. In order to qualify for SSDI benefits, you do not have to have a condition listed in the SSA blue book. Likewise, all those who have the listed conditions are not guaranteed benefits. Claimants qualify for SSDI benefits by demonstrating that their impairments are sufficiently severe to prevent them from working. Hiring an experienced attorney to help file or appeal your claim is the best way to achieve a successful result.



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Compassionate Allowances Program

The Social Security Administration has been experiencing an unprecedented backlog of claims in recent years. That means most applicants have very long wait times for decisions on their claims. Because some conditions are very serious and in need of immediate consideration, the SSA has instituted a Compassionate Allowances program. This program enables those who have severe medical conditions that would surely meet disability standards to receive benefits quickly. The SSA also keeps a list of diseases that qualify for this program.

If you intend to [file for Social Security disability benefits](#) or your claim has already been denied, the attorneys at [Ankin Law Office](#) can help. [Contact us](#) today to discuss your claim.