



**FARMER & WRIGHT, PLLC**  
**ATTORNEYS**

Re: Case Status

Dear Client,

We wanted to provide you an update on your Social Security Disability (SSD) claim. Farmer & Wright has received a denial of the reconsideration of your initial application. While this was not the outcome we wanted, we are already working on the next step in the process.

You may have already received a letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) informing you of the denial. These letters are not customized and typically confusing. We received the same letter as well, so you do not need to worry about forwarding it to us.

Farmer & Wright will now file an appeal this denial and request a hearing in front of an administrative law judge. At this hearing, we will finally be able to speak to a judge about the pain you are in and the struggles you are facing.

There is nothing you need to do at this point beyond continue to receive medical treatment. Make sure you are attending all doctor appointments, documenting pain, and updating our Disability Treatment Hotline of your medical treatment.

**Remember, the Disability Treatment Hotline phone number is 844-369-9776**

We will update you when we file the appeal and request for a hearing. That should be within this month.

You can check the status of your disability claim online at the SSA website ([ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov)).

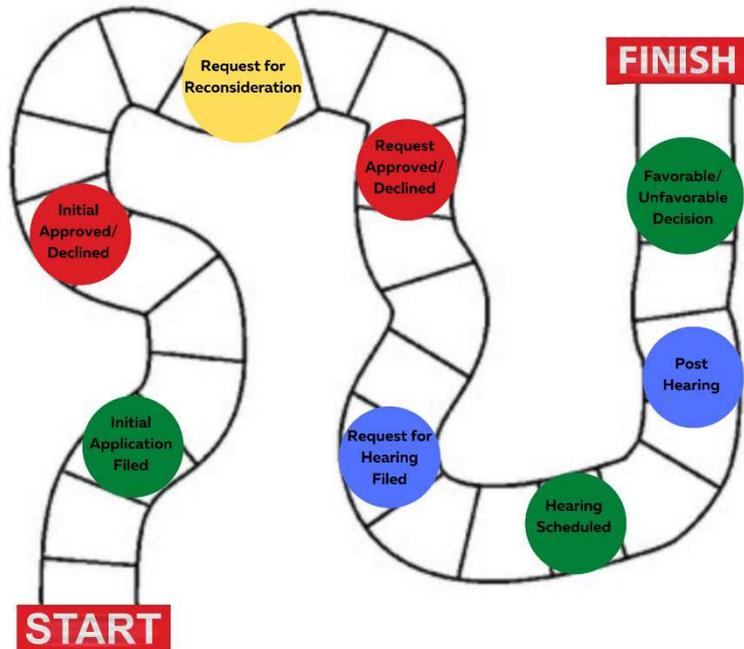
If you have any questions, please email us at [VIP@farmerwright.com](mailto:VIP@farmerwright.com).

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## **Case Update: Request for Reconsideration Denied**

The Social Security Process is anything but simple. It involves several steps.

**The Initial Level:** Filing an initial application is where your case for disability benefits begins. This step in the process can take approximately 3-6 months. Social Security requests all of your medical records and reviews your case for a determination. Unfortunately, the odds of winning at the first level are relatively low – but that's where we come in. If denied, we then file the appeal to the "reconsideration level."



**The Reconsideration Level:** At

this level, the administration reviews your case and requests any medical updates. This step also takes approximately 3-6 months. The odds of winning at the reconsideration level are still very low. Do not get discouraged. If denied at reconsideration, we can then appeal the decision to an Administrative Law Judge.

**The Hearing Level:** this step is where we can present your case before a Judge and explain why you are disabled. This point in the process is where we have the most success in obtaining disability benefits for people. The current approximate wait time to get a hearing before a Social Security Administrative Law Judge is between 18-24 months.

## **8 Things You Can Do To Help Your Disability Claim**

- If you need medical treatment or a doctor recommended medical treatment, please **GET IT.**
- Attend all of your medical appointments, including therapy.
- Make sure to request your doctor or medical professional to fully update your medical file about the medical issues you are having (i.e., pain, new issues, recurring issues, etc.)
- Take all prescribed medication
- Follow doctor's orders and request
- If you need assistance with mental health, request a referral to a specialist
- If you have chronic migraines, seizures, etc., make sure you document it to the best you can. (Write it on your calendar at home.)
- Update the Disability Hotline at 844-369-9776 after every doctor's appointment.

**After you have obtained any medical treatment, please call **Farmer & Wright Disability Treatment Hotline at 844-369-9776** to report all your treatment.**

This is preferred way to report your medical treatment.