



**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 filed a Request for Reconsideration.

We are asking the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reconsider their initial denial for your benefits. This step is very similar to the initial application.

SSA will send you the following forms to fill out again:

- Activities of Daily Living
- Function Report
- Pain Report
- Work History

You do need to fill these out and send back. The key difference is that **you only have to list any changes since you filled out the forms.** If nothing has changed, write “no change” on the paperwork and send back to SSA. If you have increased pain or new medical conditions, please make sure you list those changes.

If you need assistance with these forms, we would be happy to assist you. Email us at [VIP@farmerwright.com](mailto:VIP@farmerwright.com) to request an appointment.

The waiting period to hear back from SSA on your reconsideration is the same as the initial period: 2-3 months. You can check the status of your disability claim online at the SSA website ([ssa.gov](http://ssa.gov)).

**Please continue to update Farmer & Wright of your medical treatment on our Disability Treatment Hotline at 844-369-9776**

We will let you know as soon as we receive notice of approval or denial on the reconsideration.

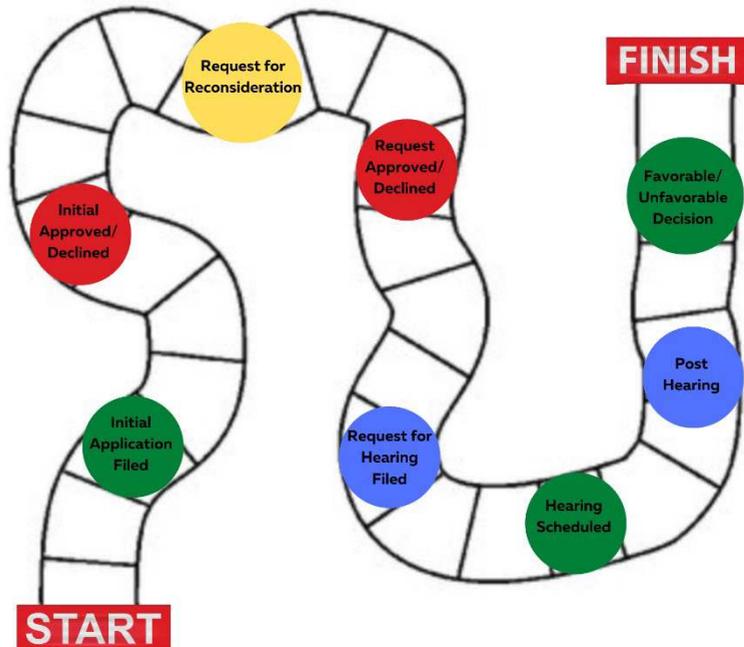
If you have any questions, please email us at [VIP@farmerwright.com](mailto:VIP@farmerwright.com).

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

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.