

The Social Security Disability Process

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- I. Social Security Act (5 minutes)
 - A. Definition of Disability
 - B. Criteria to establish Disability

- II. Decision Making Process (10 minutes)
 - A. Initial Determination
 - B. Reconsideration
 - C. Hearing Level
 - D. Appeals Council
 - E. Federal Court Review

- III. Program Rules (5 minutes)
 - A. Code of Federal Regulations
 - B. Program Operations Manual System (POMS)
 - C. Hearings, Appeals and Litigation Law Manual (HALLEX)

- IV. 5 Step Process to Decision Making (10 minutes)
 - A. Work Activity
 - B. Severity of Impairment(s)
 - C. Impairment(s) Meet a Listing
 - D. Past Relevant Work
 - E. Any other type of work

- V. Residual Functional Capacity (10 minutes)
 - A. Exclusion of Impairment(s)
 - B. Drug and Alcohol Abuse
 - C. Mental Disorders

- VI. Effect of 60 Minutes Report (10 minutes)
 - A. Backlog
 - B. ALJ Decisions

- VII. Questions (5 minutes)