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(2) Review of initial determination. If you are dissatisfied with our initial determination, you may request review by a Federal reviewing official.

(3) Hearing before an administrative law judge. If you are dissatisfied with a decision made by the Federal reviewing official, you may request a hearing before an administrative law judge. The administrative law judge’s decision becomes our final decision, unless your claim is referred to the Decision Review Board.

(4) Decision Review Board. When the Decision Review Board reviews your claim and issues a decision, that decision is our final decision.

(5) Federal court review. If you are dissatisfied with a decision made by the Federal reviewing official, you may request a hearing before an administrative law judge. The administrative law judge’s decision becomes our final decision, unless your claim is referred to the Decision Review Board.

(4) Expedited appeals process. You may use the expedited appeals process if you have no dispute with our findings of fact and our application and interpretation of the controlling law, but you believe that a part of that law is unconstitutional. This process permits you to seek our agreement to allow you to go directly to a Federal district court so that the constitutional issue(s) may be resolved.

§ 405.5 Definitions.

As used in this part:

Act means the Social Security Act, as amended.

Administrative appeals judge means an official, other than an administrative law judge, appointed by the Commissioner to serve on the Decision Review Board.

Administrative law judge means an administrative law judge appointed pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.C.S. 3105 who is employed by the Social Security Administration.

Board means Decision Review Board.

Commissioner means the Commissioner of Social Security, or his or her designee.

Date you receive notice means five days after the date on the notice, unless you show us that you did not receive it within the five-day period.

Day means calendar day, unless otherwise indicated.

Decision means the decision made by a Federal reviewing official, an administrative law judge, or the Decision Review Board.

Decision Review Board means the body comprised of administrative law judges and administrative appeals judges that reviews decisions and dismissal orders by administrative law judges.

Disability claim or claim means:

(1) An application for benefits that is based on whether you are disabled under title II of the Act, or

(2) An application for supplemental security income payments that is based on whether you are disabled or blind under title XVI of the Act.

(3) For purposes of this part, the terms “disability claim” or “claim” do
§ 405.10 Medical and Vocational Expert System.

(a) General. The Medical and Vocational Expert System is comprised of the Medical and Vocational Expert Unit and a national network of qualified medical, psychological, and vocational experts, which is overseen by the Medical and Vocational Expert Unit. These experts from the national network will assist Federal reviewing officials and administrative law judges in deciding claims. Medical and psychological experts from the national network may assist a State agency in determining disability when the State agency does not have the necessary expertise available to it. The Medical and Vocational Expert Unit also will maintain a national registry of vocational experts having qualifications required...