



SSI / SSDI & INCARCERATION

What happens to my SSI/SSDI while I'm incarcerated?

- **If you receive SSI**, your benefits will be suspended after you are **incarcerated for 30 days in a row**. If you are released in **less than 12 months** (1 year), you can **restart** your benefits after you get out. If you stay in jail / prison for **12 months in a row** (or more), your benefits will be **terminated** and you will need to reapply after your release.
- **If you receive SSDI**, your benefits will be suspended if you are **incarcerated for more than 30 days after being convicted of a crime**. However, if your spouse or children receive benefits based on your SSDI case, they will continue to receive benefits while you're incarcerated. You can **restart** your benefits after you get out of jail / prison.

What should I do about my benefits while I'm incarcerated?

- **IMPORTANT!** You should **contact Social Security as soon as possible** to let them know that you will be incarcerated for 30 days or more. Otherwise, you could end up with an **overpayment** if Social Security continues to pay your benefits while you're incarcerated. You can call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213**, or ask a family member to call for you. (Note: The family member will need your Social Security Number to call for you.)

What happens to my SSI/SSDI after my release?

- **If you receive SSI** – If you are released in **less than 12 months** (1 year), you can **restart** your benefits after you get out. If you stay in jail / prison for **12 months in a row** (or more), your benefits will be **terminated** and you will need to reapply after your release.
- **If you receive SSDI**, you can **restart** your benefits after you get out of jail / prison.

How do I restart my benefits after my release?

- **Contact Social Security** to let them know that you were released and ask them to **restart** your benefits. You can call Social Security at **1-800-772-1213** or visit your local Social Security office. You will need to provide **documents from the jail / prison showing your release date**.
- Your benefits may be **restarted the month after your release date**.