

Payment for successful federal district court outcomes

The Minnesota Department of Human Services will pay contracted Social Security Advocacy Services grantees \$4000.00 per individual when there is a successful federal district court outcome and you represented the individual at both their hearing before an administrative law judge and at their Appeals Council review on their initial application/claim. While your contract does not specifically reference work performed or paid at the federal district court level, our attorney supports current contract language found in section 2.4.5. Appeals Council Review, sufficient to allow DHS to pay grantees for successful federal district court outcomes. Therefore, current contracts do not need to be amended to include specific work performed and payments issued for successful federal district court outcomes.

Additionally, please note that grantees must waive ALL fees (see contract sections 2.4.1.B; 3.2.d.5; and 3.2.d.6) including EAJA (Equal Access to Justice Act) fees.

When submitting an electronic invoice through the Social Security Advocacy Services (SSAS) Payment System for a successful federal district court outcome, grantees must check the following boxes on the SSA Application Information page:

Date SSI application/claim filed:

Date RSDI application/claim filed:

Date Continuing Disability Review claim filed:

Helped client with Initial Application/claim
 Helped client with Reconsideration/claim
 Helped client with hearing at ALJ level
 Helped client at Appeals Council on an Initial Application/claim
 Helped client with Continuing Disability Review (CDR)
 Helped client at Reconsideration level on a CDR
 Helped client at hearing before an ALJ on a CDR

Upload Client's SSA Award Letter:

Date SSA approved claim:

And select the following payment rate on the Invoice Submit page:

Invoice Summary

Payment Requested:

\$4,000.00 - Approval by SSA at Appeals Council review on an Initial Application/claim

Please select one:

- \$1,650.00 - Approval by SSA on Initial Application/claim
- \$1,650.00 - Approval by SSA on Reconsideration/claim
- \$3,000.00 - Approval by SSA at hearing before an ALJ
- \$4,000.00 - Approval by SSA at Appeals Council review on an Initial Application/claim**
- \$900.00 - Approval by SSA on a CDR
- \$1,650.00 - Approval by SSA at Reconsideration level on a CDR
- \$2,750.00 - Approval by SSA at hearing before an ALJ on a CDR

Medical and Vital Records Reimbursement:

Upload Medical and Vital Records Receipts:

Additionally, a case note should be entered in the SSAS system indicating a successful federal district court outcome.

Please contact your assigned Social Security Advocacy Services Coordinator with additional questions or email us at DHS.SSAadvocacy@state.mn.us.
