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“The Right Fit”

When buying clothes or shoes, you have to find a good fit. That's why apparel comes in different shapes and sizes. The same thing holds for disability benefits: they are not “one size fits all.” You need to look for a good fit. Our Harrisburg SSDI/SSI lawyers at Marzzacco Niven & Associates will fight for you to secure the benefits that fit your case. Disability programs administered by Social Security all use the same standard of disability; you don't have to be more disabled for one than for another. But at Marzzacco Niven & Associates, we understand different programs do have different eligibility requirements, and that is where you have to find “a good fit.”



The most common disability benefit administered by Social Security is based on the earnings credits you accumulate while you are working. As a general rule, working 5 out of the last 10 years before you become disabled will establish coverage, but sometimes working as little as a few months each year may be enough. Our attorneys can help you determine whether these benefits are “the right fit” for you.

Widows and widowers can be entitled to coverage based on each other's earnings, for a disability occurring within 7 years of the death of the deceased spouse and after the

survivor turns 50. There are many technical pitfalls in these claims; we can help you make sure that this is “a good fit” for you. Adult children can also qualify for benefits based on the earnings of a deceased, retired or disabled parent for a disability that exists between ages 18 and 22. Disability benefits may start before age 18 and payments may continue beyond age 22, but the child’s condition between those ages is the key to obtaining those benefits.

Finally, SSI benefits provide a “safety net” with a minimum amount per month for some disabled people who don’t quite fit the categories above. However, SSI is a needs-based program with many complex eligibility standards. Put our experience with SSI to work for you to make sure you get “the right fit.” Contact Marzzacco Niven & Associates to discuss your Social Security Disability claim with a lawyer. Initial consultations are always free.

