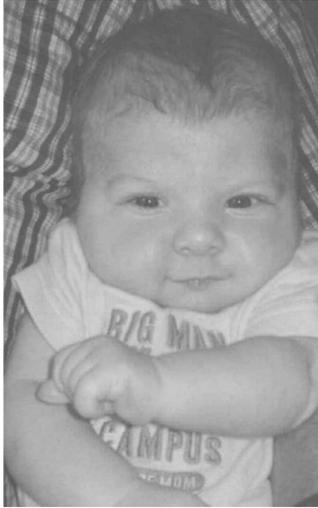


Birth announcement



Paige Bell Williams and Dirk Williams are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Bentley Allen Williams, on Feb., 12, 2011. He weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20 inches long. He was born at North Florida Regional Hospital Womens Center.

The maternal grandparents are Suzette and Drew Bell of Mayo, Florida. The paternal grandparent is the late Jack Allen Williams of Ohio.

The Maternal great grandparents are Linda and Ellis Plymel of Mayo, Florida and Diane and D. H. Bell of Mayo, Florida.

Social Security questions and answers

By Kay Louder
Social Security District Manager, Lake City, FL

Question:

How long does a person need to work to become eligible for retirement benefits?

Answer:

Everyone born in 1929 or later needs 40 Social Security "credits" to be eligible. You can earn up to four credits a year. So, you will need at least 10 years of covered employment or self-employment to become eligible for retirement benefits. During your working years, we post earnings covered by Social Security to your record. You earn credits based on those earnings. The amount of earnings needed for a credit rises as average earnings levels rise. In 2010, and 2011, you receive one credit for each \$1,120 of earnings, up to the maximum of four credits a year. For more information, visit our website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.socialsecurity.gov>" www.socialsecurity.gov.

Question:

I understand that to get Social Security disability benefits, my disability must be expected to last at least a year or be expected to result in death. But, I'm disabled now. Does this mean that I must wait a year after becoming disabled before I can receive benefits?

Answer:

You do not have to wait a year after becoming disabled. If you're disabled and expect to be out of work for at least a year, you should apply for disability benefits right away. It can take months to process an application for disability benefits. If we approve your application, your first Social Security disability benefit will be paid for the sixth full month after the date your disability began. For more information about Social Security disability benefits, refer to Disability Benefits (Publication No. 05-10029) at HYPERLINK "<http://www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html>" www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10029.html.

Question:

What is the difference between Social Security disability and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability?

Answer:

Social Security is responsible for running two major programs that provide benefits based on disability. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is based on prior work and the taxes you pay into the Social Security program. To be eligible for a SSDI benefit, the worker must earn sufficient credits based on taxable work to be "insured" for Social Security purposes. SSDI benefits are payable to eligible blind or disabled workers, the widow(er)s of a disabled worker, or adults disabled since childhood. SSI disability payments are made on the basis of financial need to adults or children who are disabled or blind, have limited income and resources, meet the living arrangement requirements, and are otherwise eligible. SSI is a program financed through general revenues. For more information, visit our website at HYPERLINK "<http://www.socialsecurity.gov>" www.socialsecurity.gov or call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778).

Question:

What can I do if my Medicare prescription drug plan says it won't pay for a drug that my doctor prescribed for me?

Answer:

If your Medicare prescription drug plan decides that it won't pay for a prescription drug, it must tell you in writing why the drug isn't covered in a letter called a "Notice of Denial of Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage." Read the notice carefully because it will explain how to ask for an appeal. Your prescribing doctor can ask your Medicare drug plan for an expedited redetermination (first level appeal) for you if the doctor tells the plan that waiting for a standard appeal decision may seriously harm your health. For more information, visit HYPERLINK "<http://www.medicare.gov>" www.medicare.gov.



Dino attack.

LCA PreK goes to the Jacksonville Zoo



Feeding the Giraffes.

The Lighthouse Christian Academy K4 class recently took a field trip to the Jacksonville Zoo to conclude their study of wild animals.

The students prepared for their trip by discussing what they would see and do at the zoo and making "safari backpacks" to take on

their journey.

The kids had a great time seeing all the animals, and especially enjoyed feeding the giraffes! Other favorite animals were the elephants, zebras, and penguins. However, most of the students agreed that the "Dino Alive!" exhibit was their favorite.



Elephants galore



Having fun.

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