

## **How To Qualify For Social Security Disability Benefits With Angiosarcoma**

Angiosarcoma is a rare, aggressive cancer that develops in the soft tissues of the lymph nodes and blood vessel walls. The cancer can affect any part of the body, and usually, when the cancer is diagnosed, it has already metastasized. Regardless of the stage of cancer, and even if the primary tumor can be removed by surgery, there is usually poor prognosis. If you have been diagnosed with angiosarcoma, you can qualify for disability benefits from the Social Security Administration ([SSA](#)).

### **Medically Qualifying For Disability Benefits With Angiosarcoma**

Regardless of the stage of the cancer, [angiosarcoma qualifies](#) for Social Security disability benefits through the [Compassionate Allowances Program \(CAL\)](#). CAL is a list of conditions that are either terminal or very serious nature that warrant a faster approval. If you can provide documentation that confirms your diagnosis of a condition included with CAL, your claim can be approved in a matter of a couple of weeks rather than several months.

The SSA oversees two disability programs, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). You can apply for either or both programs. SSDI is based on your work history, and to qualify for SSDI, you must have earned enough credits to qualify for coverage. In most cases, that means having worked five years full-time out of the last 10 years. SSI is needs-based, and a work history does not come into play. Specific income and resource requirements must be met, and if your income and resources are greater than the limits, you cannot receive SSI benefits.

### **Required Medical Evidence To Have Your Claim Approved**

While angiosarcoma is on the CAL list, you must provide [supporting evidence](#) that verifies the diagnosis and answers the questions of the disability examiner. Angiosarcoma is a soft tissue sarcoma, and it is found in the Blue Book under [Sections 13.03 and 13.04](#) for adults. While minimal medical evidence is necessary, you must provide detailed evidence to ensure a fast approval.

These records you submit should include your diagnosis, including medical tests such as imaging, lab reports, and bloodwork. You will need to include the biopsy report as well. Also, include detailed physician notes that include the treatment plan, the prognosis, and the stage of cancer as well as whether it has spread, or metastasized.

### **Applying For Disability Benefits**

If you have been diagnosed with angiosarcoma, you should start your disability claim. You can start the process online on the [SSA's website](#) or by calling 1-800-772-1213 and speaking with a representative. You can also call the toll-free number and schedule an appointment at [your local field office](#). You should complete the application form in detail, answering all questions and

leaving no questions unanswered. You should indicate that it is a CAL claim, so it will be expedited, and it could be approved in as little as 10 days.

**Resources Found Via:**

- <https://www.ssa.gov/>
- <https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lrx/0423022106>
- <https://www.disability-benefits-help.org/list-of-social-security-disability-resources/compassionate-allowance-explained>
- <https://www.disability-benefits-help.org/glossary/social-security-disability-medical-sources>
- [https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/13.00-NeoplasticDiseases-Malignant-Adult.htm#13\\_03](https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/13.00-NeoplasticDiseases-Malignant-Adult.htm#13_03)
- <https://www.ssa.gov/applyfordisability/>
- <https://secure.ssa.gov/ICON/main.jsp>