How To Qualify For Social Security Disability Benefits With Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder (EGID)

Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder (EGID) is a complicated disorder of the digestive system in which eosinophils, which is a kind of white blood cell, is found in levels that are too high in one or more places of the digestive system and/or bloodstream. When the body attacks substances, such as an allergen, eosinophils respond by moving into the area and releasing toxins, but when there are too many eosinophils, chronic inflammation and tissue damage can result. This inflammation and tissue damage can be disabling.

How To Qualify For Disability Benefits With EGID

If you are unable to work because of EGID, you may qualify for disability benefits from the Social Security Administration (SSA). EGID can cause a variety of symptoms, including bowel obstructions, loss of appetite, vomiting, nausea, difficulty swallowing, choking, reflux, abdominal cramps, motility issues, esophageal rings, protein loss, anemia, malabsorption issues, blood loss, developmental delays, and more.

The SSA uses a medical guide, which is called the Blue Book, to determine if a claimant qualifies for disability benefits. There is not a specific listing for EGID, but the claimant may qualify through another listing for gastrointestinal disorders if he or she have the symptoms and meet the criteria that apply to another listing.

How To Qualify Through A Residual Functional Capacity (RFC)

Most disability claims for EGID are approved through a medical vocational allowance with the help of a residual functional capacity (RFC) form. The RFC is completed by the treating physician. It includes detailed information about the restrictions and limitations experienced by the claimant. It details the symptoms, the treatment, the prognosis, and so forth.

The RFC will paint a clear image of how the condition affects the individual's daily life. It will detail how often the individual must take breaks, indicate frequent bathroom visits, explain how pain and digestive issues affect the ability to perform routine daily tasks, and so forth. Statements from others familiar with the claimant’s situation, such as caregivers, educators, and so forth, can also help detail how the condition affects the individual’s ability to work and perform routine tasks.

How To Prepare Your Application

You will need to complete the claim form in detail, answering all questions accurately and in detail. Do not leave any questions blank. Also, hard medical evidence that can back up your claim is essential to your claim's success. You will need physician notes, the confirmation of the diagnosis, treatment records, exam notes, and so forth. The RFC and statements from those familiar to your situation can also improve your odds of success.

Applying For Disability Benefits

You can start your disability claim online or by calling 1-800-772-1213 and speaking with a representative. Be sure to have a list of your medical providers along with the approximate dates of service and contact details ready. After the initial application is completed, you should hear back from the SSA regarding your claim within 3 to 5 months.

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