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Important News if Your Social Security Benefits Have Been Cut Off

Have you lost SSI, Social Security disability, or retirement benefits because of a PROBATION or PAROLE VIOLATION WARRANT?

In April 2012 in the class action lawsuit Clark v. Astrue, the court ordered the Social Security Administration (SSA) to change its policies – SSA can no longer deny benefits to people based solely on an outstanding probation or parole violation warrant.

Who is affected by this court order?

1) Everyone whose benefits were cut off based solely on a warrant for an alleged probation or parole violation AND the initial determination was made on or after October 24, 2006;

2) Everyone whose benefit application was denied based solely on a warrant for an alleged probation or parole violation AND the initial determination was made on or after October 24, 2006;

3) Everyone who had an initial determination of overpayment of benefits made on or after October 24, 2006, based solely on the existence of a warrant for an alleged violation of probation or parole; and

4) Everyone who had a timely administrative appeal of a denial, suspension, or overpayment pending on or after October 24, 2006.

Contact SSA to make sure that they have your current address. If you are homeless, provide SSA with an address where you regularly receive mail.

Social Security Administration website appeals process