

Child SSI Starter Guide

A simple first step for parents and caregivers

Build the full picture

A child SSI claim looks at how a child's condition affects daily life compared with other children the same age.

- List every condition, including learning, behavior, emotional, and physical conditions.
- Gather doctor, clinic, therapist, counselor, and hospital contact information.
- List medicines, treatments, side effects, and any equipment the child uses.
- Write down who sees the child's limits often, such as teachers, aides, coaches, or relatives.

School records matter

School information can help show how the child learns, behaves, and completes tasks.

- Collect report cards, test scores, attendance records, and behavior reports.
- Include an IEP, 504 Plan, evaluation, or special education records if the child has them.
- Ask what help the child receives and how often that help is needed.
- Note if the child needs extra time, reminders, breaks, or one-on-one support.

Use everyday examples

Short, real examples are easier to understand than broad labels.

- Explain what the child can do alone and what requires help.
- Describe problems at home, school, and in public places.
- Include how often problems happen and how long they last.
- Be honest about good days and hard days. Consistent details build a clearer record.

Your next step

Use this guide to begin one folder for medical, school, and daily-life information. The full child claim asks for more detail about function, support, and household information.

Need help staying organized? Visit **DisabilityCommandCenter.com** for guided tools, reminders, and step-by-step support.