

Each year, thousands of Idaho citizens apply for disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. SSA contracts with Disability Determinations Service to obtain medical information and, when necessary, schedule consultative examinations for claimants. The physicians who perform these examinations are community providers located throughout Idaho and its border states. These examinations are paid for by the Social Security disability program.

The examination and reporting requirements for our program are not nearly as extensive as those required by other programs such as Workmen's Compensation. Social Security requires the examination to be geared toward the claimant's functional abilities. In addition, the program does not require an impairment rating.

We serve the entire state and need providers in all communities, large and small. Specialties routinely used include cardiology, internal medicine, general practice, orthopedic, neurology, pediatric, rheumatology, dermatology, and psychological/psychiatric.

Examination times are flexible, based on the provider's availability. We are also able to use block appointment scheduling and offer a convenient tele-dictation service, free of charge, to all providers.

For additional information, including a copy of our guidelines and fee schedule, please contact Laura Croft, Professional Relations Officer, at (208) 327-7333, ext. 343, or via e-mail at <mailto:mlaura.croft@dds.state.id.us>.

Additional information and links:

General Information:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/greenbook/index.htm>

Evidence Requirements:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/greenbook/ce-evidence.htm>

Consultative Examination Guidelines:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/greenbook/ce-guidelines.htm>

Adult Report Content Guidelines:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/greenbook/ce-adult.htm>

Pediatric Report Content Guidelines:

<http://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/greenbook/ce->

