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LATEST LEGAL SERVICES NEWSLETTER COVERS SOCIAL SECURITY REVIEWS FOR CONTINUED DISABILITY BENEFITS

EDISON— Details for low-to-moderate-income New Jerseyans about how to prepare for periodic reviews by the Social Security Administration on whether their disability benefits should be continued or reduced because of changing medical condition are the focus of the latest newsletter of Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ).

The bilingual publication, “Looking Out For Your Legal Rights,” is accessible at www.lsnjlaw.org by clicking on the “publications” tab. The newsletter also is available at all Legal Services offices in New Jersey.

The latest issue spells out what recipients of SSD as well as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits can expect when Social Security conducts what is known as continued disability reviews regarding the medical status of the recipients. Depending upon circumstances, in some cases the reviews may come as early as six months or even as far off as five to seven years. Recipients are advised to prepare for such notices and what the appeals process entails.

The Spanish version of the latest newsletter deals specifically with applications for unemployment benefits. Especially stressed is the need for applicants to prepare themselves with all pertinent information before they get a return call from the state or are scheduled for a

hearing. It also is noted that while attorneys may represent claimants, such legal representation may not be necessary when the applicants lost their jobs through no fault of their own.

Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) heads the state's Legal Services system, a network of five independent non-profit corporations and is beginning its 50th year of providing free essential legal aid in civil matters to low-income people through offices in all 21 counties. Since its inception, LSNJ has provided representation in more than 2.4 million cases.

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