MATERNITY BENEFIT:

This benefit is payable to insured females as a weekly Allowance during maternity leave for a maximum of 14 weeks. On the birth of the child, a one-time Maternity Grant is also paid. **Deadline to Submit**: 8 weeks before expected delivery date & 3 weeks after delivery.

To Qualify:

• Have 50 paid contributions with continuous contributions leading up to delivery, and have 25 paid contributions in the 39 weeks leading up to delivery.

Maternity Grant:

The insured father may qualify for a Maternity Grant if the mother of the child does not qualify for the Maternity Benefit.

• Have 50 paid contributions and have 25 paid contributions in the 50 weeks before delivery.

Deadline to Submit: 3 months after delivery.

RETIREMENT BENEFIT:

This benefit is payable between ages 60-64 if the person retires from insurable employment, or at age 65, whether or not the person has retired. **Deadline to Submit**: 13 weeks after turning 65 (*mandatory*) or 13 weeks after last date of employment, if 60 to 64 years (*optional*).

To Qualify:

- Must have at least 500 paid contributions for a pension.
- Must have a minimum of 26 paid contributions for a one-time Retirement Grant.

SURVIVORS' BENEFIT:

This benefit is awarded on the death of an insured person by natural causes. This benefit is payable to: (1) Widow/Widower, (2) Children up to 18 years or up to 21 years, if receiving full-time education, or (3) Parents of the deceased insured person. **Deadline to Submit:** 13 weeks from date of death.

To Qualify:

• Have 500 paid contributions for a Pension, or have a minimum of 26 paid contributions for a one-time Grant.

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BENEFITS IN BRIEF

Old or young, retired or working, your mind can be at ease knowing that whatever life brings, Social Security has you covered in times of need. Social Security Benefits covers everyone, from the unborn child to the survivor of a deceased worker.

An active Insured Person refers to persons who are registered with Social Security and works 8 or more hours in a week and actively pays contributions either as an Employee or as a Self-Employed Person.

SICKNESS BENEFIT:

This benefit is payable to insured persons who become sick, and are medically certified as temporarily unable to work. **Deadline to Submit:** 14 calendar days from the first day of illness.

To Qualify:

- Have 50 paid contributions, and
- Minimum of 5 paid contributions in the 13 weeks immediately before illness.

INVALIDITY BENEFIT:

This benefit is paid to insured persons who are medically certified as permanently unable to work due to a specific disease or illness. **Deadline to Submit:** Within 13 weeks

To Qualify:

- Be under 60 years old
- Be sick for 26 consecutive weeks immediately before certified as invalid.
- Be evaluated by a Medical Board to certify invalidity status
- Have at least 250 contributions in the past 5 years or
- Have 5 paid contributions in the 13 weeks immediately before the illness led to invalidity.

INJURY BENEFIT:

Injury benefit is payable to insured persons who are injured or develop a prescribed disease out of and during the course of their insurable employment. **Deadline to Submit:** Within 14 days from injury/prescribed disease.

To Qualify:

- Accident/Prescribed disease must be medically certified by a registered doctor.
- Accident/Prescribed disease must occur out of and during insurable employment.
- Must be reported within 48 hours.

THESE BENEFITS ARE INTENDED TO PARTIALLY COMPENSATE YOU FOR THE LOSS OF WAGES WHEN YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK.

MEDICAL CARE :

If you suffer an employment injury or a workrelated prescribed disease, you may be entitled to medical treatment paid for by Social Security.

DISABILITY BENEFIT:

If an insured person has a permanent disability as a result of an employment injury or disease developed out of or during work, you may qualify for a Disablement Benefit. This benefit is awarded based on assessment by a Medical Board.

DEATH BENEFIT:

This benefit is payable to the dependents of an insured person whose death was a result of work-related accident or work-related prescribed disease. This benefit is payable to: (1) Widow/ Widower, (2) Children up to 18 years or 21 years, if receiving full-time education, or (3) Parents of the deceased insured person. **Deadline to Submit:** 13 weeks from date of death.

FUNERAL GRANT:

A one-time grant is payable for the death of an insured person due to natural causes or employment injury. This benefit also covers the death of a spouse or dependent and is payable to the person who paid or will pay the funeral expenses. **Deadline to Submit:** Within 6 months from date of death.

To Qualify:

- For the death of the Insured Person (\$1,500), have minimum 50 paid contributions.
- For the death of the Insured Person's spouse (\$1,000), have 150 paid contributions.
- For the death of the Insured Person's dependent child (\$500), have 150 paid contributions.
- Must submit receipts or invoices in the name of the deceased.