## **Lupus and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)**

A Quick Look By The Numbers

29%

of all SSDI beneficiaries have a musculoskeletal or connective tissue disease

1.5
Million

Estimated number of people in the United States who have lupus (Lupus Foundation of America)

What people with Lupus are saying

**74**%

agreed that having lupus is a financial burden\*

report reducing the number of hours worked\*

**67**%

63%

quit working or retired earlier than planned\*

quit work completely an average of 3-4 years after diagnosis\*\*

40%

3x more likely

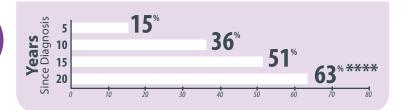
Lupus patients with arthritis leave their jobs for health reasons compared to those who don't have arthritis.\*\*\*

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The number of body impairments the Social Security Administration (SSA) considers when reviewing a disability claim for lupus.

Joints Muscular Ocular Renal Hematologic Skin Cardiovascular Digestive Mental Respiratory Neurologic

Percentage of employed Lupus patients who stopped working



## **About SSDI and Allsup**

## To qualify for SSDI benefits, you must:

- → Have a physical or mental impairment that prevents you from working and the condition is expected to last at least 12 months or result in death
- → Have worked and paid payroll taxes at least five of the last 10 years
- → Have been disabled before reaching full retirement age (65-67)

Number of credits needed to qualify for SSDI benefits

40

More than **200,000** 

Number of people Allsup has helped obtain their SSDI and Medicare benefits

Average number of days to get an SSDI hearing in 2012

353 Days

53

Average age of a person receiving SSDI benefits

Number of SSDI applications expected to be filed in 2013

Success rate for customers

who complete the SSDI

process with Allsup

3.1
Million

\$1,919

Average SSDI monthly benefit for individuals with a disability and dependents in 2013

\*2011 National Burden of Lupus Survey

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