



If you have not received adjusted benefit, retroactive payment or been denied spousal or survivor benefits, do the following:

#### Request for Reconsideration

**Deadline:** File within **60 days** of the denial notice.

**What to Do:** Submit **Form SSA-561** or request online/by mail.

**What Happens:** A new SSA reviewer will re-examine your case, including any new evidence you provide.

**For Spousal Benefit** -Use Code **B** – Wife, age 62 or over, **B1** – Husband, age 62 or over, **B6** – Divorced wife, age 62 or over

**For Survivor Benefit** -Use Code RSI – Retirement Survivor Benefit for a dead spouse

There are many other codes for marital status based on who is claiming the benefits. Divorced wives and husbands can receive spousal and survivor benefits.

#### File a Reconsideration Request

Complete **Form SSA-561**.

Say you're appealing because **retroactive spousal or survivor benefits from January 2024** were not paid.

Submit within **60 days** of the decision.

#### Refer to H.R. 82

State that **H.R. 82** repealed the GPO/WEP rules and made survivor benefits **retroactive to January 2024**.

**Have original documents available – See Know Before You Go list**

#### Contact SSA

Call **1-800-772-1213** or visit your local SSA office.

Ask if they received your appeal and if anything else is needed.

Contact your congressman and request an inquiry. They will email you a permission form.

And use this our California Attorney General has set up to link to report Social Security Disruptions.

Go to: <https://oag.ca.gov/socialsecurity>