

## CHILDREN'S SSI FACT PATTERN

Patricia Jones is requesting assistance with her son Michael's children's SSI claim. According to Ms. Jones, Michael is 9 years old and just started the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. He has had asthma since he was born and is blind in one eye. His asthma caused him to miss 15 days of school during the last school year. He has behavior problems both at home and at school. He was suspended from school four times last year due to fighting with other children. He also fights constantly with his younger sister and older brother. He has trouble staying in his seat in school and often fails to complete schoolwork and homework. He has trouble following directions both at home and at school. His writing is illegible. His grades last year were mostly Ds with a few Cs. When he plays sports or board games with other children, he often gets angry and has tantrums if things don't go his way. Ms. Jones can't leave him alone for more than a few minutes at a time, since he occasionally plays with matches and has had a few occasions during the last year when he darted into the middle of busy streets and was almost hit by cars. Ms. Jones recently received a letter from Social Security stating that Michael's claim was denied because he does not have marked and severe limitations.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is the next procedural step that needs to be taken to keep the case going? What additional information may be necessary in order to determine this?
2. What (if any) Listed Impairments may be relevant to this fact pattern?
3. Which of the six functional domains may be relevant to the facts of this case?
4. What types of additional information may be needed in order to flesh out and understand the severity of the claimant's impairments in each of the relevant functional domains?
5. What types of documentation might be helpful in documenting the nature and severity of claimant's impairments in each of the relevant functional domains?
6. What needs to be done in order to obtain the necessary documentation?