

Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions
(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services

Division: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Disability Determination Services

Budget Code: 24481

Center Title: Disability Determination Services

Center Number: 2125

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: Disability Determination Specialist I **Proposed Salary Grade:** 67

Salary Range: \$29,000 **Proposed Effective Date:** 6 / 01 / 2004

Number of Positions: 20

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u>
Total Budget	\$48,381,255	\$712,826
Receipts	<u>\$48,381,255</u>	<u>\$712,826</u>
Appropriations	\$0	\$0

Funding Source(s): Federal funds through the Social Security Administration

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

These positions will be located in Disability Determination Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Health and Human Services.

This Agency makes medical entitlement decisions on Social Security, Supplemental Security Income and Medicaid claims. Positions require the individual to learn medical criteria, policies and procedures, vocational guidelines, regulations and court rulings relative to social security and Medicaid disability claims development and adjudication to make a decision of entitlement.

These additional positions are required in order to maintain adequate processing of the projected claim receipts and to keep caseloads at a manageable level, to comply with Social Security Administration requirements for more detailed rationale that will increase the time required to document each case and lessen the number of cases each specialist can process timely and to meet timeframes set by court order.

The increase in funds is 100% Federal and has been approved by the Social Security Administration through North Carolina's federal monthly obligations report and Federal Spending Plan.

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Statutory Reference for Request:

1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act – Section 221 establishes that disability determinations would be made by State Agencies under Agreement with the Social Security Administration. The Social Security Administration pays 100% of the costs (direct and indirect) for performing the disability function.

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Presentation to be made by

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