



SOCIAL SECURITY

The Commissioner

March 15, 2024

The Honorable Danny K. Davis
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support
Committee on Ways and Means
Washington, D.C. 20515

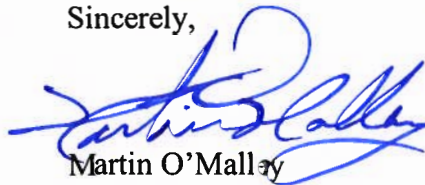
Dear Ranking Member Davis:

Thank you for your February 8, 2024 letter regarding the evaluation of individuals living with sickle cell disease in our Supplemental Security Income program. I appreciate you taking time to meet with me to discuss this issue and the Social Security Administration's urgent budgetary needs.

As I promised during our meeting, I have asked our disability policy experts to revisit the 2015 Hematological Disorders listings updates. They will consider the concerns you raised regarding the evaluation of children with sickle cell disease, as well as the most current medical and programmatic information about sickle cell disease and its treatment. To that end, they are consulting with the Chief Medical Officer in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Office of Minority Health and the Health and Medicine Division at the National Academies. If they determine that additional evidence is needed, I plan to pursue a request for public comments and information in the Federal Register. I expect to have more information about their review to share with you soon.

If you have any further questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Tom Klouda, the Deputy Commissioner for Legislation and Congressional Affairs, at (202) 358-6030. I am sharing a copy of this response with the co-signatories of your letter.

Sincerely,



Martin O'Malley
Commissioner

cc:

The Honorable Judy Chu
The Honorable Gwen Moore
The Honorable Dwight Evans
The Honorable Jimmy Gomez
The Honorable Terri Sewell