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Dear

Your application for SSI benefits was recently denied. We sent you a letter telling you that you must appeal the denial of your SSI application. There is help available to assist you with the appeal process. This assistance is only offered in certain areas and is only available to people who receive this letter.

The people who can help with your appeal are from the University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) and they have experience with the SSI appeal process. The information below explains what you must do if you would like UMMS to help with your SSI appeal.

What will UMMS do?

- Meet with you at your DTA office
- Explain everything that will happen in the appeal process
- Represent you in meetings and hearings with Social Security

What do you have to do?

- Call UMMS at 1-800-890-2986 and ask for the Social Security Appeals Unit within ten days of the date on this letter to schedule an appointment**
- Come to that appointment and meet with them to review your case
- Sign a form which will tell Social Security UMMS is working for you
- Agree to let UMMS review your medical records

What will it cost you?

- Nothing, help from UMMS is free

Taking help from UMMS is voluntary. You may file an SSI appeal on your own or you may take advantage of their help—but, remember, to keep receiving EAEDC, you must appeal your SSI denial. This is your responsibility.

Please call 1-800-890-2986 and ask for the Social Security Appeals Unit within ten days if you would like UMMS to help with your SSI appeal. They can help even if you have already filed your appeal.

We know that appealing your SSI denial can be complicated, but you need to do it. UMMS has experience working with SSI and the Social Security Administration and they want to help you. Please call them.