

# Consultative Examinations

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## Adjudicate claims for persons filing for disability benefits with Social Security

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department's (VR) Disability Determination Services (DDS) is looking for talented medical professionals interested in performing Consultative Examinations (CE) for those that apply for disability benefits.

**Physicians**

**Psychologists**

**Psychiatrists**

**Speech-Language Pathologists**

Providers must be currently licensed in the state of South Carolina and have the training and experience to perform the type of exam requested.

### **Benefits for CE Providers include:**

**One exam at your location  
(no treatment involved)**

**Flexible hours**

**Electronic submission of reports**

**Prompt payment**

**No responsibility for final disability  
determination**

### For more information about becoming a provider:

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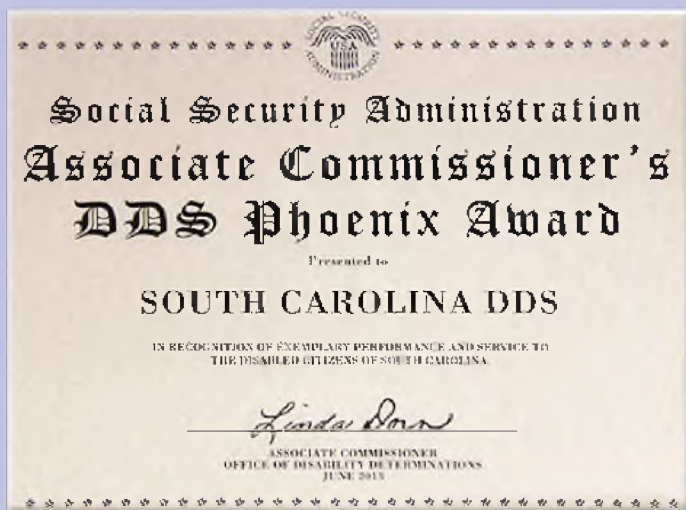
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**Disability  
Determination  
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## DDS honored with Phoenix Award

“I could not be more proud of the staff,” says Shirley Jarrett, Disability Determination Services (DDS) Director. “They are fantastic!”

As Jarrett speaks about the South Carolina DDS receiving the prestigious Phoenix Award in recognition of its exemplary performance and service to people with disabilities in South Carolina, she continually refers to the quality of work and dedication of the DDS staff.

“Our staff exceed their goals and do an incredible job despite the many challenges and obstacles they face,” she says.

The Phoenix Award is a national award conferred by the Social Security Administration’s Associate Commissioner to a DDS that has overcome significant obstacles to achieve agency goals. This year, SC DDS was one of only two states to receive this award.

SC DDS adjudicated 95,320 claims, surpassing their budgeted workload, while maintaining a net accuracy of 97.2% and decreasing processing time for initial claims to 85.5 days. This was accomplished despite an unusually high staff attrition rate and imposed limits in recruiting new employees.

“It is with immense gratitude and pride that I celebrate the Phoenix Award with all of my fellow employees of the South Carolina DDS in recognition of our resolve to provide quality service to the citizens of South Carolina, regardless of the challenges we encounter,” says Jarrett.

With excitement and momentum surrounding the award growing, DDS offices around the state celebrated “Phoenix Award Day” on August 7, with staff enjoying food, recreation and team building games.



Jarrett says that the award has been a big boost to morale, especially as the staff is facing another challenging year.

“I know they can handle it,” she says. “They are amazing.”

