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General Comment

I have SSI. It took me at least ten hours to gather information to fill out my paperwork, and another three hours - spread out over two weeks - to actually fill it out. Because of my disability, I needed help gathering the information, and also reading over my work. Reading, typing, thinking, making decisions (like rating pain or functionality on a scale, or choosing which info is relevant), and remembering things are all a challenge, and I have to take frequent rests when doing something like this. When I was filling out this paperwork, it was the only thing (besides resting and basic care activities) I could do for two weeks. For many disabled people like me, filling out paperwork and managing our records is like a full-time job (which you'll remember we're actually too sick to have). It would be great if the system was designed so that the people who need it were capable of applying for it without almost insurmountable effort (or requiring the full-time help of a non-disabled person).