

**HOW TO APPLY FOR  
SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY  
BENEFITS  
IF YOU HAVE  
CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME  
(CFS/CFIDS)**

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