

## **HOMECARE HERALD**



## **CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY HOMECARE HOMECARE**

I ALWAYS FOUND COMFORT IN THE OLD ADAGE, “MARCH COMES IN LIKE A LION AND OUT LIKE A LAMB.” HOWEVER, IT USUALLY DOESN’T WORK OUT THAT WAY DOES IT? MARCH SEEMS TO COME IN LIKE A LION AND END LIKE A LION. BUT I WILL CHOOSE TO REMAIN OPTIMISTIC AND BELIEVE THAT AFTER ABOUT 30 MORE DAYS OF WINTER, SPRING WEATHER WILL ARRIVE. AND WHEN IT DOES, I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE A NEW PERSON. EVERY DAY (EXCEPT ON RARE OCCASIONS) I WALK OUTSIDE FOR ONE HOUR WITH MY LOYAL COMPANION, BEAR DOG. SO I APPRECIATE IT IMMENSELY WHEN I NO LONGER HAVE TO WEAR 3 LAYERS OF CLOTHING, A MASK THAT MAKES ME LOOK LIKE I’M READY TO ROB A BANK, GLOVES, THICK SOCKS, AND A HEAVY SCARF. BEING ABLE TO DRESS LIGHTLY IN NICER WEATHER MAKES THE WALK SO MUCH EASIER. AND I AM REMINDED OF HOW MUCH LIGHTER THE BURDEN IS WHEN I LEAVE MY PROBLEMS IN THE HANDS OF THE LORD, EXPECIALLY AT NIGHT WHEN THINGS SEEM TOUGH AND I HAVE TROUBLE FALLING ASLEEP. I IMAGINE MYSELF LAYING MY TROUBLES AT THE FEET OF GOD AND GIVING HIM PERMISSION TO TAKE OVER. AND HE ALWAYS DOES. MAY YOUR CARES BE FREE AND YOUR BURDEN LIGHT.

IN HIS SERVICE, CHRIS

## NEWS FOR YOU

By SeniorJournal.com - The latest move by the Social Security Administration, in an ongoing effort to speed up the decision process for consideration of applications for disability benefits to those not yet age 65, is the addition of 38 new medical conditions to the list of Compassionate Allowances, which clearly qualify applicants. The new conditions range from early-onset Alzheimer's disease to rare diseases that primarily affect children.

This is the first expansion since the original list of 50 conditions - 25 rare diseases and 25 cancers - was announced in October 2008, according to the announcement by Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security.

The complete list of the newly recognized medical conditions that clearly qualify patients for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income disability benefits - Compassionate Allowance conditions - is below.

"The addition of these new conditions expands the scope of Compassionate Allowances to a broader subgroup of conditions like early-onset Alzheimer's disease," Commissioner Astrue said.

"The expansion we are announcing today means tens of thousands of Americans with devastating disabilities will now get approved for benefits in a matter of days rather than months and years."

The quick identification of these conditions allows the agency to electronically target and make speedy decisions for the most obviously disabled individuals.

In developing the expanded list of conditions, Social Security held public hearings and worked closely with the National Institutes of Health, the Alzheimer's Association, the National Organization for Rare Disorders, and other groups.

"The diagnosis of Alzheimer's indicates significant cognitive impairment that interferes with daily living activities, including the ability to work," said Harry Johns, President and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association.

"Now, individuals who are dealing with the enormous challenges of Alzheimer's won't also have to endure the financial and emotional toll of a long disability decision process."

For more information about the agency's Compassionate Allowances initiative, go to

[www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/compassionateallowances).

HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY!



### New Compassionate Allowance Conditions

1. Alstrom Syndrome
2. Amegakaryocytic Thrombocytopenia
3. Ataxia Spinocerebellar
4. Ataxia Telangiectasia
5. Batten Disease
6. Bilateral Retinoblastoma
7. Cri du Chat Syndrome
8. Degos Disease
9. Early-Onset Alzheimer's Disease
10. Edwards Syndrome
11. Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva
12. Fukuyama Congenital Muscular Dystrophy
13. Glutaric Acidemia Type II
14. Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), Familial Type
15. Hurler Syndrome, Type IH
16. Hunter Syndrome, Type II
17. Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis
18. Junctional Epidermolysis Bullosa, Lethal Type
19. Late Infantile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses
20. Leigh's Disease
21. Maple Syrup Urine Disease
22. Merosin Deficient Congenital Muscular Dystrophy
23. Mixed Dementia
24. Mucosal Malignant Melanoma
25. Neonatal Adrenoleukodystrophy
26. Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinoses, Infantile Type
27. Niemann-Pick Type C
28. Patau Syndrome
29. Primary Progressive Aphasia
30. Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy
31. Sanfilippo Syndrome
32. Subacute Sclerosis Panencephalitis
33. Tay Sachs Disease
34. Thanatophoric Dysplasia, Type 1
35. Ullrich Congenital Muscular Dystrophy
36. Walker Warburg Syndrome
37. Wolman Disease
38. Zellweger Syndrome

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

**Debra Tucker-March 30**





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## NEW PASSPORT

Unfortunately, getting a new passport required a new photo. As I handed my ten-year-old passport and the new picture to the clerk, I sighed. "I like the original better," I told her.

"Trust me," she said. "Ten years from now, you'll like this one."

\*Thanks to Pastor Tim for this joke!\*

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