

In cases where the medical evidence does not show clearly that the person is disabled under the law, his age, education, and vocational background are also considered in deciding whether he has the capacity for substantial gainful work.

## **Benefits for Disabled Workers**

If you are under 65 years of age, have worked under social security for the required time, and are disabled to the degree described on page 10, under the heading "How Disabled Must You Be?" you may be eligible for monthly disability insurance benefits after you have been disabled for at least 6 full calendar months. If you have been disabled for 6 full calendar months or more and have not yet applied for these benefits get in touch with your social security office about making your application SOON.

It is important to file for social security disability benefits promptly since back payments can be made for no more than 12 months.