

## New ERISA Claims Procedures for Disability Benefits Effective April 1, 2018

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The DOL announced that the new claims procedures for disability benefits will apply as of April 1, 2018. As previously discussed [here](#), the DOL had delayed the effective date of the new disability claims procedures until April 1, 2018, to provide additional time for comments and revisions to the regulations. In its announcement, the DOL stated that the comments it received did not establish the need to make any revisions to the regulations. Employers should now proceed with revising their plan documents, summary plan descriptions, and policies and procedures for employee benefit plans subject to ERISA that provide any disability benefits. [View the DOL's announcement](#).