

**After confirming the issue for the hearing, the judge will ask the following questions:**

\*Everything you say is being recorded. If you lose the hearing, you will reply on this record to argue why you should have won. Make sure to speak slowly and clearly.

1. What is your name?
  - a. Say your full name as it appears on the scheduling notice or any other documents from the agency.
2. ALJ will have the agency's representative give their name. If you can't hear it, ask them politely to repeat it.
3. Who else lives with you? How old are they?
  - a. You must include your spouse, minor children, and anyone who is on your benefits case.
  - b. If you have a roommate, you don't need give their information unless they are on the case with you.
  - c. If you have a large household, it's a good idea to write down everyone's ages ahead of time so you're not flustered at the hearing.
4. What is your income?
  - a. You will need to give everyone's income to the household.
  - b. Income includes earned (from a job) AND unearned (any benefits like social security etc.)
5. How much is your rent?
  - a. Usually, this is the amount on your lease
  - b. If you have a housing subsidy like Section 8, only say what your portion of the rent is
  - c. Ask yourself, how much do you pay towards the rent. How much comes out of your bank account each month to pay for rent?
6. If you or anyone in your household is 60 years or older OR if you or anyone in the household receive SSI/SSD/SSR, the judge might ask if you have an out-of-pocket medical expenses.
  - a. This means copays, prescriptions, or any other medical expenses that is not covered by your insurance.
  - b. The judge needs the amount you pay PER MONTH. If your medical expenses vary, you need to find the average.