

Benefits from the Contergan Foundation

The Contergan Foundation Act (ContStifG) provides you the opportunity to apply for benefits from the Foundation.

Eligibility for benefits

Your mother took thalidomide-containing preparations from Grünenthal GmbH, formerly Chemie Grünenthal, during her pregnancy. The physical malformations you have can be linked to this.

Scope of benefits

- single lump-sum compensation
- life-long monthly Contergan pension
- annual payment to cover specific needs

The Contergan pension payments begins at the earliest in the month in which the application is submitted.

Information on the application

Benefits must be requested in writing. Please use the application form “Application for Contergan annuity.”

In order to decide on your application, you must provide information about which medications your mother took during her pregnancy. Please fill out the “Background Report” form completely and carefully. List everything you know about your impairments. Are there close relatives who might be able to provide information? Or those who remember the time of your mother’s pregnancy?

Please enclose the following documents:

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- Medical reports
- Specialist report
- X-rays / CT scans / MRI scans / attestations
- Other relevant statements, reports, or letters from third parties

The foundation will not cover any costs you may incur in obtaining relevant documents from your doctor. Die Stiftung übernimmt keine Kosten, die Ihnen eventuell entstehen, um aussagekräftige Unterlagen von Ihrem Arzt zu erhalten.

Legal Sources

§ 12 ContStifG - Persons entitled to benefits

§ 13 ContStifG - Type and extent of services

§ 16 ContStifG - Course of the procedure

Who advises you?

The staff at the financial department are happy to provide you with needs-based advice on this topic.