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## **Objectives**

- ▶ Explain the regional centralization of SSI trust review business process
- ▶ Identify the key players and their roles
- ▶ Define and explain reopening and appeal
- ▶ Clarify policy on court establishment of trusts
- ▶ Review requirements for issuing a manual notice when notifying an individual of ineligibility due to excess resources that include a countable trust
- ▶ Review the SSI Special/Supplemental Needs Trust Policy Change
- ▶ Explain the trust 90-Day amendment period
- ▶ Review Regional Chief Counsel precedent regarding Texas trust modifications

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## **Disclaimer**

- ▶ This presentation discusses general SSI trust policy and procedures.
- ▶ Specific case scenarios involving an SSI claim or post-eligibility (PE) event require evaluation by a servicing field office (FO) technician and subsequent evaluation by the regional trust reviewer team (RTRT).

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## **Regional Centralization of SSI Trust Review Process**

- ▶ Operations released EM-14026 on April 23, 2014
- ▶ Social Security Administration implemented business process on April 28, 2014
- ▶ Operations released EM-14026 REV on February 2, 2015
- ▶ Technicians Involved
- ▶ Trust Resource Determination for Initial Claims and Post-eligibility Events
- ▶ Office of Quality Review

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## **Regional Centralization of SSI Trusts Review Process cont.**

- ▶ Post-eligibility Events
- ▶ Policy clarifications
- ▶ Subsequent SSI reviews  
(redeterminations)

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## **Key Players and Their Roles**

### **Field Office Technician**

- ▶ First point of contact
- ▶ Makes initial trust resource determination
- ▶ Submits determination to the Regional Trust Reviewer Team (RTRT) via SSI Trust Monitoring System (SSITMS)
- ▶ May request Reevaluation
- ▶ Makes reconsideration trust resource determination

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