

# 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Changes and Trends Affecting Special Needs Trust

SSA Regional Trust Leads Presentation  
Regarding SSI Trusts

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## Objectives

- ▶ Explain the regional centralization of SSI trust review business process
- ▶ Identify the key players and their roles
- ▶ Review special needs trust drafting errors  
“Top 10 List”
- ▶ Q&A session

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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).

## **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; Archived EM-14026 on July 29, 2015
- ▶ Revised SI 01120.202 on August 7, 2015
- ▶ Technicians and Components Involved
- ▶ Trust Resource Determination for Initial Claims and Post-eligibility Events

## 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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