

18th Annual Changes and Trends Affecting Special Needs Trusts

SSA Regional Trust Leads Presentation
Regarding SSI Trusts

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Objectives (1/2)

- ▶ Provide an overview of the SSI trust review business process
- ▶ Provide details regarding field office technician's role
- ▶ Provide details regarding the Office of the General Counsel's role, including a review of a Louisiana pooled trust legal opinion

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Objectives (2/2)

- ▶ Review special needs trust recurring drafting error
- ▶ Q&A Session (if time permits)

Disclaimer

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

SSI Trust Review Business Process – General Overview (1/2)

- Effective April 28, 2014
- Centralizes reviews by region
- Improve quality
- Provide accurate and consistent determinations
- Strengthen FO employee proficiency
- Capture Management information

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SSI Trust Review Business Process – General Overview (2/2)

- ▶ FO technician makes initial resource determination
- ▶ Forwards to RTRT for review
- ▶ RTRT must review all trust resource determinations prior to FO effectuating the claim or RZ

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