

# **18<sup>th</sup> 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)

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## 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.

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# 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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