

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 25th day of October 1996.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.  
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## RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD

### Actuarial Advisory Committee With Respect to the Railroad Retirement Account; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Public Law 92-463 that the Actuarial Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on November 18, 1996, at 10 a.m. at the office of the Chief Actuary of the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the conduct of the 20th Actuarial Valuation of the Railroad Retirement System. The agenda for this meeting will include a discussion of the assumptions to be used in the 20th Actuarial Valuation. A report containing recommended assumptions and the experience on which the recommendations are based will have been sent by the Chief Actuary to the Committee before the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public. Persons wishing to submit written statements or make oral presentations should address their communications or notices to the RRB Actuarial Advisory Committee, c/o Chief Actuary, U.S. Railroad Retirement Board, 844 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611-2092.

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends part T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Chapter TA covers the Deputy Commissioner for Programs and Policy. Notice is given that Subchapter TAP, the Office of Program Benefits Policy is being amended to reflect a realignment. The functions of the Division of Payment Policy (TAPE) are undergoing some changes. The Division of Coverage (TAPB) is being retitled as the Division of Coverage and Support and is

assuming some additional functions. Two new divisions are being established. Finally, the Division of Benefit Continuity (TAPA), the Division of Entitlement (TAPC), the Division of Program Requirements Policy (TAPG), and the Division of Program Management, Research and Demonstration (TAPH) are being deleted and their responsibilities are being redistributed. The changes to Subchapter TAP are as follows:

Section TAP.10 *The Office of  
Program Benefits Policy*—(Organization)

Delete:

D. The Division of Benefit Continuity (TAPA).

F. The Division of Entitlement (TAPC).

H. The Division of Program Requirements Policy (TAPG).

I. The Division of Program Management, Research and Demonstration (TAPH).

Retitle:

E. The "Division of Coverage" to the "Division of Coverage and Support" (TAPB).

Reletter:

"E" to "D".

Establish:

E. The Division of Eligibility and Enumeration (TAPJ).

F. The Division of Representative Payment and Evaluations (TAPK).

Section TAP.20 *The Office of Program  
Benefits Policy*—(Functions)

Delete in their entirety:

D. The Division of Benefit Continuity (TAPA).

F. The Division of Entitlement (TAPC).

H. The Division of Program Requirements Policy (TAPG).

I. The Division of Program Management, Research and Demonstration (TAPH).

Retitle and amend as follows:

E. The "Division of Coverage" to the "Division of Coverage and Support" (TAPB).

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the retirement and survivors insurance program in the areas of coverage and pre-1987 State and local reporting and corrections; and to the disability program in common areas of coverage.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such coverage subject areas as wages, coverage and exceptions, earnings records and earnings records corrections and discrepancies, self-employment status and income, religious exemptions (including

determinations as to whether sects meet legal requirements for exemptions to apply), State and local coverage, statutes of limitations, State and local agreements, taxation of Social Security benefits, SSA benefit estimate statements, and territory agreements.

3. Formulates, plans and implements in-house office automation activities in support of program policy, studies and administrative needs.

Reletter:

"E" to "D".

Establish:

E. The Division of Eligibility and Enumeration (TAPJ).

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the retirement and survivors insurance program, the supplemental security income program in the areas of applications, eligibility and enumeration; and to the disability program in common areas of eligibility and enumeration.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such eligibility and enumeration subject areas as applications, alien issues, evidence, relationships, insured status, income and resources, living arrangements, in-kind support and maintenance, work incentives, and applications for Social Security numbers, and interprogram relationships with food stamps, medicaid and medicare.

F. The Division of Representative Payment and Evaluations (TAPK).

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the retirement and survivors insurance program, the supplemental security income program and the disability program in the areas of representative payment and outreach.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such representative payment subject areas as (in) capability assessment, investigation and selection of payees, use and conservation of benefits, misuse of benefits, payment for payee services and payee oversight.

3. Manages demonstration projects and initiatives to target special populations and program issues. Evaluates the effectiveness of demonstrations and initiatives and develops recommendations for new and revised policies and procedures to implement program improvements.

Amend as follows:

G. The Division of Payment Policy (TAPE).

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the retirement and survivors insurance program and the supplemental security income program in the areas of compliance and payment policy and to the disability insurance program in common areas of payment policy and compliance.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such payment policy subject areas as redeterminations, reporting, change of address, computations, offset, overpayments and underpayments, suspensions and terminations, garnishments, administrative finality, *res judicata*, due process, IRS levies, appeals, and retirement earnings test.

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#### **Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority**

This statement amends Part S of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Notice is given that Chapter S2D, the Office of the Regional Commissioner is being amended to reflect major organizational changes in subordinate offices and other changes in functional descriptions. The changes are as follows:

##### **Section S2D.00 *The Office of the Regional Commissioner*—(Mission):**

Amend to read as follows:

The Office of the Regional Commissioner (ORC) serves as the principal SSA component at the regional level and ensures effective SSA interaction with other Federal agencies in the regions; State welfare agencies; State Disability Determination Services (DDSs); and other regional and local organizations. The office provides leadership for regional planning, implementation and evaluation of Agency goals and objectives and is accountable for the delivery of service in the administration of SSA's Retirement, Survivors and Disability (RSDI) programs, the Black Lung Benefits program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. It issues regional operating policy and procedures for these programs and evaluates program effectiveness. It

implements national operational and management plans for providing SSA service to the public and directs a region wide network of field offices (FOs), teleservice centers (TSCs) and where present, program service centers (PSCs). It facilitates integration and coordination of SSA programs with other Federal and State programs in the region. It provides overall management direction for the provision of personnel services and administrative priorities and issues policy directives consistent with national program objectives, operational requirements and systems and implements a regional SSA public affairs program. The office maintains a broad overview of administrative operations of the regional offices (ROs) of SSA's Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) and a data operations center to ensure effective coordination of SSA activities at the regional level.

##### **Section S2D.10 *The Office of the Regional Commissioner*—(Organization):**

Delete:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Program Operations and Systems (S2D1B–S2DXB).

E. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Field Operations (S2D14–S2DX4).

F. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Budget (S2D17–S2DX7).

Establish:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2D1G–S2DXG).

E. The Office of the Area Director (S2D1K–L–M–N, S2D2K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2D3K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2D4K–L–M–N–P–Q–R–S–T, S2D5K–L–M–N–P–Q–R–S–T, S2D6K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2D7K–L–M, S2D8K–L, S2D9K–L–M–N–P–Q, S2DXK–L).

F. The Office of the Teleservice Center Operations Manager (S2D2H, S2D6H).

H. The Mega Teleservice Center (S2DXJ).

##### **Section S2D.20 *The Office of the Regional Commissioner*—(Functions):**

Delete:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Program Operations and Systems (S2D1B–S2DXB).

E. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Field Operations (S2D14–S2DX4).

F. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Budget (S2D17–S2DX7).

Establish:

D. The Office of the Assistant Regional Commissioner for Management and Operations Support (S2D1G–S2DXG).

1. Provides support services to SSA regional components not under the line authority of the Regional Commissioner (Office of the Inspector General [OIG], Office of General Counsel [OGC], Regional Program and Integrity Review [RPIR] and OHA).

2. Provides program leadership and technical direction for regional administration of the insurance, disability and assistance programs and automated systems operations within the region.

3. Facilitates the development and interpretation of regional operating instructions and procedures covering the retirement, survivors and disability provisions of title II (RSI), title XVI (SSI) and the Black Lung Benefits program. Participates with other regional officials in the development and initiation of major regional initiatives and projects; directs assigned staff in conducting evaluations on the operational effectiveness of the instructions and guidelines provided.

4. Furnishes technical advice and coordination to the regional efforts in administering SSA's part of the Food Stamp Program, to the resolution of vocational rehabilitation issues and to the establishment of effective relationships with groups and other organizations having responsibility or interest in income maintenance or social service activities.

5. Negotiates and coordinates the maintenance of agreements with the States covering optional State SSI supplementation, mandatory State SSI supplementation and Medicaid eligibility determinations; also administers State/local coverage provisions. Participates in the review, evaluation and resolution of Federal/State financial management transactions involving the programs administered.

6. Provides program coordination and administrative guidance to State DDS administrators. Facilitates the monitoring and evaluation of the operation of the various disability programs. Facilitates the planning, development and coordination of DDS budgetary activities. Facilitates implementation of SSA systems for DDS and parent Agency structures.

7. Furnishes automated data processing systems expertise and assistance to SSA field and processing center components, to State DDS' and to state/local programs. Coordinates regional needs and interests in the systems area with the Associate Commissioner for Automation and