

WHAT IS A REPRESENTATIVE PAYEE?

- ▶ A representative payee is an individual or organization appointed by Social Security to receive and manage the Social Security or SSI benefits of another person.
- ▶ A representative payee must use the funds they receive for the use and benefit, and in the best interest of, the beneficiary.
- ▶ The Social Security Administration categorizes payees into two broad groups:
 - ▶ Individual payees – These include relatives, guardians, friends, or any other interested person who is in a position to care for the beneficiary.
 - ▶ Organizational payees – These can include social service agencies, institutions, State or local government agencies, or financial institutions.

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Payee Reviews

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ABOUT US

Disability Rights Idaho is part of the National Disability Rights Network, and is Idaho's designated Protection and Advocacy system.

The Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act of 2018 directs Protection and Advocacy systems to conduct reviews to ensure representative payees are fulfilling their duties to Social Security beneficiaries receiving Social Security Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance and/or Supplemental Security Income benefits.

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THE SPSSB ACT

AUTHORIZES DRI TO:

- ▶ Conduct periodic onsite reviews of representative payees at SSA's request;
- ▶ Conduct educational visits;
- ▶ Conduct initial onsite assessments of "Fee for Service" organizations;
- ▶ Develop Corrective Action Plans;
- ▶ Provide training; and,
- ▶ Provide Information and Referral services to beneficiaries.
- ▶ To ensure satisfactory oversight of Social Security and SSI benefits, the P&A will conduct a home visit and interview of beneficiaries served by the representative payee selected for a review.
- ▶ If applicable, the P&A will also conduct an interview with legal guardians or third parties.



HISTORY BEHIND THE SPSSB ACT:

In 2009, the Social Security Administration began the Representative Payee Project in response to the severe abuse and financial exploitation of 21 individuals with disabilities in Iowa by their employer, Henry's Turkey Service, who was also the representative payee for these individuals.

In 2018, reviews of representative payees by Protection and Advocacy systems was codified into law, the Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries Act.

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