

of the reconsideration step in the administrative review process; and the use of an adjudication officer who will conduct prehearing procedures and, if appropriate, will issue a decision wholly favorable to the claimant.

On April 4, 1997, we published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 16209) a notice that testing of this model would take place at the SSA's Western Program Service Center in Richmond, California. That testing was to begin on or about April 28, 1997, and case selection was to continue for approximately one year with cases processed for an additional six months. We stated that additional federal sites might be added later.

We are now announcing that testing also will take place at the following site: Social Security Administration, Office of Disability and International Operations, 1500 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21241. The test in Baltimore will involve claims by individuals who wish to file by telephone. These cases will be referred to the Baltimore processing center by teleservice centers that service residents of Kentucky. We will begin selecting cases for processing in this test on or about August 11, 1997, will continue to select cases for approximately one year, and may continue to have cases processed for an additional six months. In addition, we may choose to extend the test to obtain additional data. We will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** if we extend the duration of the test. We may add other Federal sites later. If we add other Federal sites, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the added sites.

This test will combine the four process modifications mentioned above, plus two features designed to maximize the resources of a Federal processing center: having a two-person team complete the application interview by telephone; and effectuating, in the processing center, the payment of benefits to claimants who are found disabled. The adjudication officers under this model will process cases as they are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately. (Refer to 20 CFR §§ 404.943 and 416.1443.) The single decisionmaker will process cases as single decisionmakers are doing in those States in which that feature is being tested separately (see 20 CFR §§ 404.906(b)(2) and 416.1406(b)(2)), except that the single decisionmaker in this model also will assist in the claims interview and will offer a predecisional interview to a claimant for whom a fully favorable determination cannot be made based on the initial information obtained. If a

claimant is dissatisfied with the initial determination, he or she may appeal directly to an administrative law judge. The adjudication officer will be the claimant's primary point of contact before a hearing is held with an administrative law judge. Claims authorizers will participate in the telephone claims interview and will effectuate payment to claimants who are found disabled.

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SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

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 S8 for the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is being amended to reflect organizational and internal functional realignments within the Office of the Inspector General (S8). The functional realignments affect the Office of Investigations (OI) (S8B), the Office of Audit (OA) (S8C) and the Office of Management Services (OMS) (S8G). Due to the realignments, the subordinate divisional structures will be altered for the following two main offices: the Office of Investigations and the Office of Audit. Notice is further given that a new office, the Office of Operations (S8J), will be established. The changes are as follows:

Section S8.10 The Office of the Inspector General—(Organization)

Establish:

H. The Office of Operations (OP) (S8J).

Section S8.20 The Office of the Inspector General—(Functions)

B. The Deputy Inspector General (S8).
Delete last sentence.

Amend to read as follows:

E. The Office of Audit (OA) (S8C) conducts comprehensive financial and performance audits of SSA's programs and makes recommendations to ensure that program objectives are achieved effectively and efficiently. Financial audits, required by the Chief Financial Officers' Act of 1990, assess whether SSA's financial statements fairly present the Agency's financial position, results of operations and cash flow.

Performance audits review the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of SSA's programs. The OA also conducts short-term management and program evaluations focused on issues of concern to SSA, the Congress and the general public. Evaluations often focus on identifying and recommending ways to prevent and minimize program fraud and inefficiency, rather than detecting problems after they occur.

F. The Office of Management Services (OMS) (S8G) provides staff assistance to the Inspector General (IG) and Deputy Inspector General. OMS formulates and assists the IG with the execution of the OIG budget and confers with the Office of the Commissioner, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress on budget matters. The office is responsible for the OIG Hotline; which plans, conducts, directs and assists criminal investigations of alleged violations of the Social Security laws; and manages and maintains the OIG Allegation Management System (AMS) data base for all allegations reported to the OIG nationwide. OMS conducts management analyses and establishes and coordinates general management policies of the OIG. This office serves as the OIG liaison on personnel management and other administrative and management policies and practices, as well as on equal employment opportunity and civil rights matters. This office is also responsible for the development, design and redesign of major automated systems throughout the Office of the Inspector General.

Establish:

H. The Office of Operations (OP) (S8J) is responsible for and coordinates the OIG's strategic planning function and the development and implementation of performance measures required by the Government Performance and Results Act; public affairs; interagency activities; OIG reporting requirements and publications; and responses to Congressional inquiries.

Section S8B.10 The Office of Investigations—(Organization)

Retitle:

D. "The Special Operations Division (SOD) (S8BA)" to "The Strategic Enforcement Division (SED) (S8BA)."

Delete:

E. The Headquarters Operations Division (HOD) (S8BB).

Establish:

E. The Enforcement Operations Division (EOD) (S8BC).

F. The Special Inquiries Division (SID) (S8BE).

G. The New York Field Division (NYFD) (S8BG).

H. The Boston Field Division (BFD) (S8BH).

I. The Washington, D.C. Field Division (WFD) (S8BJ).

J. The Atlanta Field Division (AFD) (S8BK).

K. The Tampa Field Division (TFD) (S8BL).

L. The Chicago Field Division (CFD) (S8BM).

M. The Los Angeles Field Division (LAFD) (S8BN).

N. The Dallas Field Division (DFD) (S8BP).

Section S8B.20 The Office of Investigations—(Functions)

B. The Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations (S8B).

Delete the second sentence.

Retitle:

D. "The Special Operations Division (SOD) (S8BA)" to "The Strategic Enforcement Division (SED) (S8BA)." Delete in its entirety.

E. The Headquarters Operations Division (HOD) (S8BB).

Establish:

E. The Enforcement Operations Division (EOD) (S8BC) is responsible for the administration, training, policy development and oversight of the investigative operations conducted by components within the OI.

1. The division provides liaison with other law enforcement agencies and the SSA components that require assistance; or the EOD provides assistance to the OI investigative offices.

2. The division prepares reports and develops projects which respond to requests and requirements established by the Inspector General, SSA organizations, or the Congress.

F. The Special Inquiries Division (SID) (S8BE) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations involving employee misconduct and fraud related to Social Security programs and operations. Included in the division's responsibilities are investigations of OIG employees, including the OI Special Agents. Investigations conducted by the division may lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

G. The New York Field Division (NYFD) (S8BG) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

H. The Boston Field Division (BFD) (S8BH) is responsible for conducting

criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

I. The Washington, D.C. Field Division (WFD) (S8BJ) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

J. The Atlanta Field Division (AFD) (S8BK) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

K. The Tampa Field Division (TFD) (S8BL) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

L. The Chicago Field Division (CFD) (S8BM) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

M. The Los Angeles Field Division (LAFD) (S8BN) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

N. The Dallas Field Division (DFD) (S8BP) is responsible for conducting criminal, civil and administrative investigations of fraud involving Social Security programs and operations within the designated geographic area. Investigative efforts by the division lead to criminal convictions, civil monetary penalties, or administrative sanctions.

Section S8C.00 The Office of Audit—(Mission):

Amend to read as follows:

The Office of Audit (OA) (S8C) conducts comprehensive financial and

performance audits of SSA's programs and makes recommendations to ensure that program objectives are achieved effectively and efficiently. Financial audits, required by the Chief Financial Officers' Act of 1990, assess whether SSA's financial statements fairly present the Agency's financial position, results of operations and cash flow. Performance audits review the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of SSA's programs. The OA also conducts short-term management and program evaluations focused on issues of concern to SSA, the Congress and the general public. Evaluations often focus on identifying and recommending ways to prevent and minimize program fraud and inefficiency, rather than detecting problems after they occur.

Section S8C.10 The Office of Audit—(Organization):

Delete:

D. The Central Operations Division (COD) (S8CA).

Reletter:

"E" to "D."

Delete:

F. The Program Audits Division (PAD) (S8CC).

Establish:

E. The Eastern Program Audit Division (EPAD) (S8CE).

F. The Northern Program Audit Division (NPAD) (S8CG).

G. The Western Program Audit Division (WPAD) (S8CH).

H. The Systems and Financial Audit Division (SFAD) (S8CJ).

Section S8C.20 The Office of Audit—(Functions):

C. The Immediate Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Audit.

Amend to read as follows:

1. Develops audit and evaluation policies, procedures, standards and instructions for all OIG audit and evaluation activities performed by, or on behalf of, or conforming with SSA programs, grants, contracts or operations, complying with generally accepted Government auditing standards; President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency inspection standards; and other legal, regulatory and administrative requirements.

2. Develops policies and procedures for an internal quality assurance system to provide reasonable assurance that applicable laws, regulations, procedures, standards and other requirements are followed in all audit activities performed by, or on behalf of, SSA.

Delete in its entirety:

D. The Central Operations Division (COD) (S8CA).

Releter:
"E" to "D."

D. The Evaluations and Technical Services Division (ETSD).

Amend to read as follows:

1. The division performs and reports on the results of reviews of SSA performance monitoring.

Add:

4. The division audits and evaluates SSA's efforts to ensure payment accuracy for Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, Disability Insurance, and Supplemental Security Income programs.

Delete in its entirety.

F. The Program Audits Division (PAD) (S8CC).

Establish:

E. The Eastern Program Audit Division (EPAD) (S8CE) plans, conducts, oversees and reports findings concerning several Social Security issue areas.

1. The primary responsibilities include Enumeration; Operations; and General Management Audits.

2. The division may also assist other PADs in additional issue areas, such as those concerning representative payees or aliens.

F. The Northern Program Audit Division (NPAD) (S8CG) plans, conducts, oversees and reports findings concerning several Social Security issue areas.

1. The primary responsibilities include Earnings; Supplemental Security Income; Program Service Centers' operations; Teleservice Centers' operations; and Disability.

2. The division may also assist other PADs in additional issue areas, such as those concerning representative payees or aliens.

G. The Western Program Audit Division (WPAD) (S8CH) plans, conducts, oversees and reports findings concerning several Social Security issue areas.

1. The primary responsibilities include Retirement and Survivors Insurance; Disability Determination Services' delivery and the Office of Hearings and Appeals.

2. The division may also assist other PADs in additional issue areas, such as those concerning representative payees or aliens.

H. The Systems and Financial Audit Division (SFAD) (S8CJ) plans, conducts, oversees and reports on the results of audits of the Centralized Automated Systems and Agency financial statements.

1. The division is responsible for general and application controls in SSA's automated data processing systems and for reviews of the

operational efficiency of SSA's data processing operations.

2. The division also focuses on financial management, as defined in the Chief Financial Officers' Act of 1990, to include audits of accounting and financial reporting, financial systems, asset management, information resource management, budget execution and internal controls.

3. The division is also responsible for finance contracts and Disability Determination Services' administrative costs.

Section S8G.00 The Office of Management Services—(Mission)

Amend to read as follows:

The Office of Management Services (OMS) (S8G) provides staff assistance to the Inspector General (IG) and Deputy Inspector General. OMS formulates and assists the IG with the execution of the OIG budget and confers with the Office of the Commissioner, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress on budget matters. The office is responsible for the OIG Hotline; which plans, conducts, directs and assists criminal investigations of alleged violations of the Social Security laws; and manages and maintains the OIG Allegation Management System (AMS) data base for all allegations reported to the OIG nationwide. OMS conducts management analyses and establishes and coordinates general management policies of the OIG. This office serves as the OIG liaison on personnel management and other administrative and management policies and practices, as well as on equal employment opportunity and civil rights matters. This Office is also responsible for the development, design and redesign of major automated systems throughout the Office of the Inspector General.

Section S8G.20 The Office of Management Services—(Functions)

B. The Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Management Services (S8G)

Add:

1. Oversees all of the facility management functions; and serves as the liaison on personnel management and coordinates other administrative and management policies and practices. Assists the AIGMS with the formulation and execution of the OIG budget and negotiates and coordinates with the Commissioner's office, the Office of Management and Budget and the Congress on budget matters.

2. Manages the OIG Hotline; which plans, conducts, directs, and assists criminal investigations of alleged violations of the Social Security laws.

3. Manages the development, design and redesign of major automated systems throughout the OIG; also manages and maintains the OIG AMS data base for all allegations reported to the OIG Hotline. Works with SSA in providing technical support to all OIG employees.

Add Subchapter:
Subchapter S8J—Office of Operations
S8J.00 Mission
S8J.10 Organization
S8J.20 Functions

Section S8J.00 The Office of Operations—(Mission)

The Office of Operations (S8J) is responsible for and coordinates the OIG's strategic planning function and the development and implementation of performance measures required by the Government Performance and Results Act; public affairs; interagency activities; OIG reporting requirements and publications; and responses to Congressional inquiries.

Section S8J.10 The Office of Operations—(Organization)

The Office of Operations (S8J), under the leadership of the Assistant Inspector General for Operations, includes:

A. The Assistant Inspector General for Operations (S8J).

B. The Immediate Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Operations (S8J).

Section S8J.20 The Office of Operations—(Functions)

A. The Assistant Inspector General for Operations (S8J) is directly responsible to the Inspector General for carrying out the Office of Operations' (OP's) mission and providing general supervision to the major components of OP.

B. The Immediate Office of the Assistant Inspector General for Operations (S8J) provides the Assistant Inspector General, IG, and DIG with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities.

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