

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I-02-95

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS; ALL INTERIM ASSISTANCE  
REIMBURSEMENT AGENCIES

SUBJECT: COUNTIES CAN BE PAID AS REPRESENTATIVE PAYEES FOR SSI/SSP  
RECIPIENTS

This letter is to inform you that a new federal law will allow governmental agencies to be paid for serving as representative payee for those Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (Title XVI) beneficiaries who need one. Effective December 1, 1994, the "Social Security Independence and Program Improvements Act of 1994" (Public Law 103-296, Section 201; Social Security Act, Sections 205 (j) and 1631 (a) (2)) allows governmental agencies to receive a fee that equals:

- 10 percent of the recipient's SSI/SSP check or \$50, whichever is less, for serving as representative payee for recipients whose drug addiction or alcoholism (DA&A) is material to their disability. (Such recipients' notices of eligibility from the Social Security Administration (SSA) will indicate that SSA is required to pay the recipient's benefits to a representative payee.)

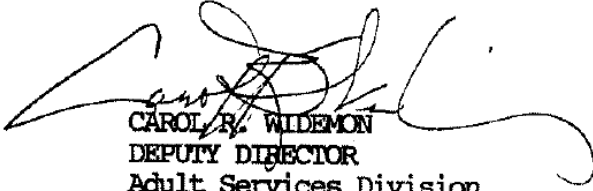
or

- 10 percent of the recipient's Sa/SS10 check or \$25, whichever is less, for serving as representative payee for other recipients.

The fee may be collected from the recipient's benefit each month. Beginning in 1996, the fee will be increased annually, indexed to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The new law also changes the order of preference for selection of representative payees for SSI/SSP recipients who are categorized as DA&A. SSA will be required to give preference to community social service agencies or to federal, state or local governmental agencies unless SSA determines that a family member would be a more appropriate payee.

State and local agencies that are authorized to act as representative payees include those whose mission is to carry out income maintenance, social service, or health care related activities, or who have a fiduciary responsibility. A designee of the state or local agency may also be appointed as representative payee if SSP, deems it appropriate. If your agency is interested in acting as representative payee for an individual who has applied for or is receiving SSI/SSP benefits, please contact your nearest SSA, office. We have attached a list of SSA offices statewide for your reference.



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DEPUTY DIRECTOR  
Adult Services Division

*Attachment has been removed due to outdated listing. A list of SSA Offices can be found at the Social Security [Field Office Locator](#).*