

## Question Asked on Session 2 10/21/2020

1. If someone is on SSI they are adults age 50 and they want to go back to school will they lose their SSI. can they get a grant to go back to school. **Answer: SSA does not provide grant money to an individual to attend school. Normally grant/scholarship monies are not considered income for need-based SSI. Policy reference <https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0500830455>.**
2. If someone worked and SS has no record they have worked and the place that they work at is not in ohio and no longer their how can this be verified. **Answer: Social Security may be able to correct the earnings record if the individual paid FICA taxes. Please see our publication "How to Correct Your Earnings Record" at <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10081.pdf> and our FAQ <https://faq.ssa.gov/en-US/Topic/article/KA-02603> for details.**
3. I was let know that if an individual holds two jobs, the payee cannot report BOTH sets of wages on their MY Social Security account. That they have to call them in or fax it in. Was told that the system can only handle one employer at this time. **Answer: No, online wage reporting through mySocialSecurity is available for multiple employers – a reminder that ALL employers must first be reported to Social Security in order to use the online wages system. For SSI only, there is a phone reporting system which only allows for one employer. Reference: please attached Online Wage Reporting Fact Sheet and the SSI Spotlight "Reporting Earnings" at <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-reporting-earnings.htm>,**
4. Good morning. Did the stimulus payment that was sent out earlier this year count against SSI payment? **Answer: No, SSA does not consider economic impact payments as income for SSI recipients and the payments are excluded from resources for 12 months. Reference: <https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/eip-cares-act/>.**

5. I have a client that I believe should have a payee, but doesn't have one appointed at this time. How would we determine if the client needs a payee and what if they don't have any family members available to do this for them? Do we just call social security and speak to a representative? **Answer: Social Security determines the need for a payee – per our session slides 10-14, we make our determination based on medical and lay evidence of mental incapability. Yes, the first step would be contacting us by phone, [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator). Reference: <https://www.ssa.gov/payee/faqrep.htm>.**
6. Why did people -adults-with SSI who live with a parent who can still count them as a dependent on the parents taxes not get a stimulus check? meaning the disabled adult did not get a stimulus check because they are a dependent on their moms taxes? **Answer: Social Security has no authority nor jurisdiction over Economic Impact payments. Reference: IIRS' Economic Payment Information Center <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payments> . We also provide information about EIPs that may be helpful to Social Security beneficiaries and Supplemental Security Income recipients on our page, Economic Impact Payments Paid by the CARES Act <https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/eip-cares-act/>. If you do not see the answer to your question, you can call the Internal Revenue Service's EIP hotline at 1-800-919-9835.**
7. Good Morning. To begin a review for someone's benefits, should I have them just start with calling the 800 number? The individual is not able to do this on their own; however they do have a payee involved. Should the payee be responsible for this???? **Answer: Yes, a representative payee must notify SSA about changes that affect the beneficiary's eligibility- this includes medical and work reviews. Reference: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf>.**
8. What is the process for the current payee if a former payee doesn't send the individuals' remaining funds back to Social Security? **Answer: Per slide 14, the former payee must return any benefits, including interest and any cash they have to SSA and we will**

*reissue the funds to the beneficiary or the new payee. If the former payee is non-compliant, SSA most likely will refer the case to our Office of the Inspector General for payee misuse, and we may initiate action against the former payee to recover any missing benefit funds. Reference: <https://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10076.pdf> and [www.oig.ssa.gov](http://www.oig.ssa.gov).*

9. If a former payee did not submit the individuals' wages for over 18 months, can the new payee use the mysocialsecurity.gov account to report those wages? Or is it better to send it to the local office to flag a review? ***Answer: Per question 3 above, the new payee needs to report the work to the local Social Security office and may proceed with online wage reporting. Reference: the attached flyer for additional details.***

10. if it takes social security longer than the extended period of eligibility and they continue to pay the individual benefits, why do they ask for the money back from the individual. It is not their fault if they are overpaid, and then they have already spent the money. how does that work? ***Answer: Ongoing wages should be reported in a timely manner to Social Security, even if SSA hasn't yet completed a work review. A beneficiary going above the Substantial Gainful Activity level in EPE months may not be due a benefit at that time – if a person is indeed incorrectly paid a benefit for disability while doing substantial work, they would be overpaid. Reference: <https://choosework.ssa.gov/library/faq-preventing-and-managing-overpayments>.***

11. What if the current payee (mom) was not contacted when a new payee (Developmental Center) applied and was given payeeship? ***Answer: We covered this in the session – the mother is welcome to contact the local Social Security office. She can reapply at any point to become payee again, [www.ssa.gov/locator](http://www.ssa.gov/locator).***

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12. Is there a certificate of completion available for participants to show attendance? ***Answer: SSA does not provide certificates of completion.***

13. My experience has been that fraud/misuse occurs more frequently with family members as payee. Interesting that the requirement for annual accounting has been eliminated for spouse/parents. **Answer: Only spouse/parents with the beneficiary living in the same household are exempted from payee accounting. Reference: [www.ssa.gov/payee](http://www.ssa.gov/payee).**

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14. IRWE. How is a medication counted as an IRWE? **Answer: Per our discussion in the session, Social Security may be able to deduct an OUT OF POCKET cost for a medication as an IRWE if that medication is directly related to the disabling condition. Reference: [www.ssa.gov/redbook/eng/ssdi-and-ssi-employments-supports.htm](http://www.ssa.gov/redbook/eng/ssdi-and-ssi-employments-supports.htm).**

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15. Would that be gross wages or net wages that are used for SSI determination? **Answer: Gross wages are used when determining SSI monthly countable wages, as well as SSDI monthly SGA levels. [www.ssa.gov/redbook](http://www.ssa.gov/redbook).**

16. - Folks can get Medicaid without receiving SSI, correct? For example, someone never applied for SSI/SSDI, but is low income and wants to apply for Medicaid? **Answer: Per our session, we said yes, that is possible, but those inquiries need to be directed to your local JFS office. SSA doesn't have jurisdiction over Medicaid.**

17. Trial work period- how much do you have to earn to have used a trial work period month? I have heard the amount is less than SGA and called something else? **Answer: Please refer to slide 39. Reference: <https://www.ssa.gov/redbook/eng/ssdi-only-employment-supports.htm#1=&a0=0>.**

18. If the payee made the mistake regarding an overpayment situation, is that grounds for a waiver if it causes a hardship for the individual? **Answer: It could be. The individual may complete a waiver form SSA-632 at [www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-632.html](http://www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-632.html).**

