

data pertaining to earnings, employment and employer classification. Analyzes these data with emphasis on demographic, economic, social and program characteristics. These data are used to support program and legislative planning and serve as important sources for program evaluation, research and administrative information within SSA, and for research by other Federal and State and local government agencies, universities, and private research organizations.

2. Provides ORS and other SSA researchers with support in the development of social science survey data linked with SSA administrative record data.

H. The Division of Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance Research Statistics (TANG).

1. Plans, coordinates and directs the preparation of statistical and analytical data pertaining to RSDI claims and benefits provisions of Title II of the Social Security Act. Analyzes these data with emphasis on demographic, economic, social and program characteristics. These data are used to support program and legislative planning and serve as important sources for program evaluation, research and administrative information within SSA, and for research by other Federal and State and local government agencies, universities and private research organizations.

I. The Division of SSI Analysis/Management Statistical Support (TANH).

1. Plans, coordinates and directs the preparation of statistical and analytical data pertaining to the Supplemental Security Income provisions of Title XVI of the Social Security Act. Analyzes these data with emphasis on demographic, economic, social and program characteristics. These data are used to support program and legislative planning and serve as important sources for program evaluation, research and administrative information within SSA and for research by other Federal and State and local government agencies, universities and private research organizations.

2. Provides management statistical services to SSA operating and policy components, including such activities as the development of general purpose and customized field office samples, development of work sampling systems and quality assurance systems, and the design and analysis of operational pilot studies. Provides support for the development and use of mathematical models and statistical methods.

J. The Disability Research Staff (TANJ).

1. Plans, directs and implements a wide range of studies and analyses, utilizing data from surveys and administrative records, on the national disabled population, disability applicants and disability beneficiaries.

2. Develops research in response to DI program issues.

3. Maintains and develops research surveys and administrative data files used in the analysis of disability data.

Subchapter TAP—Office of Program Benefits Policy

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Section TAP.00 *The Office of Program Benefits Policy—(Mission):* The Office of Program Benefits Policy (OPBP) provides SSA-wide leadership and direction to the development, coordination and promulgation of RSI and SSI policies and procedures. Develops, coordinates and evaluates the program and issues the operational policies, standards and instructions for the RSI and SSI programs. Develops and issues policies and guidelines for use by State and Federal organizations which implement the SSI provision. Develops agreements with the States and other agencies that govern State supplementation programs, Medicaid eligibility, data exchange programs, food stamps and fiscal reporting processes. Plans and directs continuing performance evaluation and economic and social survey programs to evaluate the current impact and future needs of the RSI and SSI programs.

Section TAP.10 *The Office of Program Benefits Policy—(Organization):* The Office of Program Benefits Policy, under the leadership of the Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits Policy includes:

A. The Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits Policy (TAP).

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner(s) for Program Benefits Policy (TAP).

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits Policy (TAP).

D. The Division of Benefit Continuity (TAPA).

E. The Division of Coverage (TAPB).

F. The Division of Entitlement (TAPC).

G. The Division of Payment Policy (TAPE).

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

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

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

A. The Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits Policy (TAP) is directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner, Programs, Policy, Evaluation and Communications for carrying out OPBP's mission and provides general supervision to the major components of OPBP.

B. The Deputy Associate Commissioner(s) for Program Benefits Policy (TAP) assists the Associate Commissioner in carrying out his/her responsibilities and performs other duties as the Associate Commissioner may prescribe.

C. The Immediate Office of the Associate Commissioner for Program Benefits Policy (TAP) provides the Associate Commissioner and Deputy Associate Commissioner with staff assistance on the full range of their responsibilities and helps coordinate the activities of OPBP components.

D. The Division of Benefit Continuity (TAPA).

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 common to one or more of the other SSA programs in the area of benefit continuity.

2. Develops, issues and evaluates guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such areas as work notices, annual and monthly earnings tests, suspensions and terminations, governmental pension offset and enforcement and beneficiary compliance, overpayments, underpayments, recovery and waiver, garnishment, payment delivery, onsite review, accounting, representative payee selection, advance notice, capability/incapability and use and misuse.

E. The Division of Coverage (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 and common to one or more of the other SSA programs in the area of coverage.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such coverage and employment subject areas as wages, coverage and exceptions, anti-poverty programs, earnings records and earnings records discrepancies, coverage aspects of international agreements, self-employment status and income, religious exemptions, State and local coverage and statutes of limitations.

F. The Division of Entitlement (TAPC).