

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 entitlement.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such entitlement subject areas as applications, insured status, veterans' benefits, railroad employment, family relationships, dependency and support, evidence, school attendance, indexing of earnings, primary insurance amount computation, reduction of benefits for age, family maximums, saving clauses, recomputations and recalculations of benefits, period of disability computations, awards, disallowances and abatements of claims, earnings records, claims application forms, administrative finality, adjudicative standards, evidence, documentation, conspicuous characteristics and social security numbers.

G. The Division of Payment Policy (TAPE).

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the supplemental security income program in the area of payment policy.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such payment policy subject areas as redeterminations, SSI notices, SSI appeals and overpayments/underpayments matching and interfaces, mandatory and optional State supplemental payments, pass through of rate increases, monitoring of fiscal information systems with the States, maintenance of State agreements, food stamps, Medicaid, State assistance reimbursements, energy assistance, State data exchange systems and postadjudicative issues.

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

1. Plans, develops and evaluates the operational policies, standards and instructions and provides guidance to field components on issues related to the supplemental security income program in the area of program requirements policy.

2. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for such program requirements subject areas as individual/couple/child eligibility status, in-kind income, support and maintenance, in-kind living arrangements, institutionalization, special classifications of income and

medical social services, generic income issues, deeming of income and resources, computation of income, certain grandfather clauses, special sponsored alien deeming, color of law alien status, presence in the United States, generic resources issues, trust policy, filing for other benefit requirements and property essential for self-support.

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

1. Designs, manages and conducts studies to measure the impact and effectiveness of the supplemental security income and the retirement and survivors insurance program policies, procedures and programs on the population.

2. Establishes, maintains and operates statistical program data base extract systems to provide program information for internal and external use; develops functional specifications and programs; validates output; and assists requestors in verifying final product.

3. Conducts retirement and survivors insurance and supplemental security income research programs based on administrative records and State and Federal data to formulate and evaluate policies and the impact of legislation, to reduce errors, to implement redetermination requirements, and to improve program implementation.

4. Manages demonstration cooperative agreements and initiatives to target special populations and program issues. Evaluates the effectiveness of demonstrations and initiatives and develops new and revised policies and procedures to implement program improvements.

5. Coordinates and directs assignments and projects related to program redesign and systems modernization efforts, including development of program specifications for expert systems. Formulates, plans and implements computer programs and other automation activities in support of program policy, research and administrative needs.

6. Develops and issues guidelines, directives, instructions and operating procedures for SSI applications policy, including protective filing and advance filing and SSI work incentive provisions, including plans for achieving self-support and 1619 provisions.

Subchapter TAQ—Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation

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Section TAQ.00 *The Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation*—(Mission): The Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation (OPAE) conducts a comprehensive program to analyze cross-cutting policy issues, provide analytic support to external commissions and evaluate current and proposed social welfare policy.

Section TAQ.10 *The Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation*—(Organization): The Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation, under the leadership of the Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation, includes:

A. The Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation (TAQ).

B. The Immediate Office of the Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation (TAQ).

Section TAQ.20 *The Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation*—(Functions):

A. The Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation (TAQ) is directly responsible to the Deputy Commissioner, Programs, Policy, Evaluation and Communications for carrying out OPAE's mission and providing managerial direction to the major components of OPAE.

B. The Immediate Office of the Director of the Office of Policy Analysis and Evaluation (TAQ) provides the Director with staff assistance on the full range of his/her responsibilities.

1. Provides analyses of complex and cross-cutting policy issues, ensuring the consideration of available knowledge, commissions analyses to fill knowledge gaps and to synthesize available research and develops options and recommendations for Agency action.

2. Serves as a link between SSA and the external social welfare research and policymaking communities.

3. Coordinates analytic support for major external commissions and studies relating to Social Security and Supplemental Security Income program policy.

4. Evaluates the effectiveness and appropriateness of current and proposed social welfare policy to assess what implications may exist regarding future directions of Social Security and Supplemental Security Income programs.

This statement amends part T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority which covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). Notice is given of the establishment of the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Legislation and Congressional Affairs (DCLCA) (TB) at the first level below the Commissioner. Notice is further given of the establishment of the Disability