**Rep Payee Program**

Guide for Beneficiaries

**What’s a rep payee?**

A rep payee is a person or an organization who helps you with managing your money.  
  
**What’s a beneficiary?**

A beneficiary is any person who receives benefits from Social Security. Your benefits may also be called “Social Security”, “SSI”, or “SSDI”.

A rep payee can help you with many of your financial needs. Some examples include:

**How does my rep payee help me?**

* Paying for housing and utilities
* Buying personal care items
* Buying food and groceries
* Paying for clothes
* Paying for entertainment
* Paying for doctor and dentist payments
* Paying for therapy or other treatments
* Tracking your spending
* Saving your money

Your payee helps you to maintain your benefits over the long-term. They also help to keep Social Security updated, so that you don't lose your benefits. It's important that you let your payee know of any important changes in your life.

**Remember to tell your payee if you ...**

* Get a job or stop working
* Take a trip outside of the US
* Get married
* Go to the hospital
* Move to a new place
* Go to jail or prison

**What can I do if I'm having problems with my payee?**

1. Talk to them about the problem.
2. Ask them about how your money is being spent and about your budget.
3. Contact Social Security:

I (800)772-1213; I (800)325-0778 (TTY).

**To learn more about the SSA's Rep Payee Program, go to:**

https://www.ssa.gov/ payee/bene.htm

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