

ssi bootcamp

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The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program is more critical than ever for the financial security of millions of our nation's most vulnerable individuals. Join experts from leading advocacy organizations for a special pre-conference designed for advocates who focus on establishing and maintaining clients' eligibility for SSI.

Overpayments, Appeals, and Waivers

Kate Lang, Justice in Aging, John Whitelaw, Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (DE)

An overpayment of SSI benefits occurs whenever an individual receives money that SSA later claims he or she was not entitled to. This presentation will review overpayment options and steps advocates can take to enforce clients' due process rights.

Cessations: Continuing Disability Reviews and 18-Year-Old Reviews

Jennifer Burdick, Community Legal Services (PA), Richard Weishaupt, Community Legal Services (PA)

In recent years, SSA's administrative funding has required the agency to complete an increased number of Continuing Disability Reviews (CDRs) and 18-year-old reviews. We will examine the sequence of review, the burden of proof required under a CDR and SSA's duties in conducting CDRs, as well as cover what is included in an "age 18" review for those who started receiving SSI benefits as children. We will also discuss the recent Notice of Proposed Rule-Making (NPRM) on CDRs and its implications for SSI recipients.

Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts

Caitlin McAndrews, McAndrews, Mehalick, Connolly, Hulse and Ryan P.C.

On far too many occasions, our clients receive funds from various sources (personal injury settlements, inheritances, lottery winnings) that threaten their eligibility for SSI. Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts are two mechanisms that can avoid these problems. In this session, we will cover the basics of both of these options as a means of preserving SSI for vulnerable clients.

Immigrant Eligibility for SSI

Carrie Chapman, Legal Council for Health Justice (IL)

SSA rules for determining non-citizen eligibility are complex and frequently confusing to potential claimants. Recent changes to immigration rules regarding use of benefits add another layer of issues to address when working with non-citizens. In this session, we will cover basic non-citizen eligibility rules, frequently asked questions in this area, and how we can advise claimants on the changes to the "public charge" immigration test and their choices about benefits use.