

Important Acronyms

A	
AACT	Abbreviated Account Query-Title II
AAJ	Administrative Appeals Judge- AC adjudicator
AARPS	Appeals and Appointed Representative Processing Services
AC	Appeals Council
ACE	Average Current Earnings- factor used in WC offset calculation
ACUS	Administrative Conference of the United States
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AI	Aged Individual- Title XVI
ALJ	Administrative Law Judge
AME	Average Monthly Earnings- benefit calculation factor
AOD	Alleged Onset Date
APP	Annual Performance Plan
AR	Acquiescence Ruling
ARS	Appointed Representative Services
AUSA	Assistant U.S. Attorney
B	
BHA	Bureau of Hearings and Appeals-former name of OHO
BO	Branch Office
BWO	Blind Work Expenses
C	
CAB	Civil Actions Branch of AC
CAL	Compassionate Allowance
CALJ	Chief ALJ
CDB	Childhood Disability Benefits-Title II (aka DAC benefits)
CCE	Consolidated Claims Experience
CE	Consultative Examination or Examiner
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHIP	Customer Help and Information Program
CIB	Child's Insurance Benefits- Title II
CJB	Chief Judge Bulletin
COBRA	Comprehensive Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
CPMS	Case Processing and Management System
CSU	Centralized Scheduling Unit
D	
DAA	Drug Addiction and/or Alcoholism
DAC	Disabled Adult Child-Title II (aka CDB)

DAF	Disability Analysis File
DEQY	Detailed Earnings Query-Title II
DDE	Disability Determination Explanation
DDS	Disability Determination Service- the state agency
DI	Disabled Individual-Title XVI
DIB	Disability Insurance Benefits-Title II
DISM	Disability Insurance State Manual
DIWC	Disabled Individual, Worker or Child-Title II claim type
DFI	Date First Insured
DLI	Date Last Insured-Title II disability insured status
DLM	Date Last Met- same as DLI
DO	District Office- local SSA field office
DOB	Date of Birth
DOE	Date of Entitlement-Title II
DOT	Dictionary of Occupational Titles
DQB	Disability Quality Branch
DSG	Designated Scheduling Group
DSM	Diagnostic & Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
E	
EAJA	Equal Access to Justice Act
EAP	Emergency Advance Payment
EDCS	Electronic Disability Collect System
ELU	External Liaison Unit
EOD	Established Onset of Disability
EPE	Extended Period of Eligibility- Title II
EPFT	Electronic Protective Filing Tool (aka ESPF)
ER	Earnings Record
ERAP	Enhanced Representative Availability Process
eRPS	Electronic Representative Payment System
ERE	Electronic Records Express
ESPF	Electronic Protective Filing Tool (aka EPFT)
F	
FA	Fee Agreement
FBM	First Benefit Month
FBR	Federal Benefit Rate- Title XVI
FIB	Father's Insurance Benefits-Title II
FMAX	Family Maximum- Title II benefit limit
FO	Field Office- a DO or a BO
FOIA	Freedom of Information Act
FR	Federal Register
G	
GLPSC	Great Lakes Program Service Center- PC4

H

HA	Hearing Assistant
HACPS	Hearings and Appeals Case Processing System
HALLEX	Hearings, Appeals and Litigation Law-OHO policy manual
HCFA	Health Care Finance Administration-DHHS Medicare agency
HE	Hearing Examiner-former title of ALJ
HIA	Health Insurance, Part A- Medicare
HIB	Health Insurance, Part B- Medicare
HIT	Health Information Technology-(aka Health IT, HITMER, or MEGAHIT)
HOCALJ	Hearing Office Chief ALJ
HOD	Hearing Office Director
HOSA	Hearing Office Systems Administrator
HOSR	Hearing Office Status Report
HPI	Hearing Process "Improvement"

I

IAP	Interim Assistance Program-Title XVI
IAR	Interim Assistance Reimbursement-Title XVI
ICD	International Classification of Diseases
ID	Initial Determination
I&E	Inquiry & Expediting
IEP	Initial Enrollment Period- SMIB
IME	Independent Medical Examiner- WC term
IP	Immediate Payment
IRWE	Impairment-Related Work Expense
ISM	In-Kind Support & Maintenance-Title XVI
iFOLO	Field Office Lookup

L

LMER	Last Met Earnings Requirement-Same as DLI
LPC	Legal Processing Clerk
LSDP	Lump-Sum Death Payment

M

MA	Medical Advisor-former title of an ME
MACADE	Manual Adjustment Credit and Award Data Entry
MAMPSC	Mid-America Program Service Center- PC6
MATPSC	Mid-Atlantic Program Service Center- PC2
MBR	Master Beneficiary Record-Title II
MCS	Modernized Claims System
MDW	Modernized Development Worksheet
ME	Medical Expert
MER	Medical Evidence of Record-also MEOR
MIB	Mother's Insurance Benefits-Title II
MRFC	Mental RFC

MSS	Medical Source Statement
MSSICS	Modernized Social Security Income Claims System
N	
NEPSC	Northeastern Program Service Center- PC1
NCSC	National Customer Service Center- former name of NSS
NH	Number Holder- “Wage Earner”-Title II
NHC	National Hearing Center
NOA	Notice of Award
NSS	National Scheduling Support
O	
OARO	Office of Analytics, Review, and Oversight
OASDI	Old-Age, Survivor & Disability Insurance-Title II
OCO	Office of Central Operations
ODAR	Office of Disability, Adjudication and Review-former name of OHO
ODO	Office of Disability Operations- PC7
OEIO	Office of Earnings & International Operations- PC8
OESSI	Office of Electronic Services and System Integration
OGC	Office of General Counsel
OHA	Office of Hearings and Appeals- former name of OHO
OHO	Office of Hearings Operations
OIG	Office of the Inspector General
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
OOH	Occupational Outlook Handbook
OPIR	Office of Program Integrity Review
OVH	Online Video Hearing (via Microsoft Teams)
P	
PA	Privacy Act
PASS	Plan to Achieve Self Support-Title XVI
PC	Processing Center
PCI	Payment Cycling Indicator- staggered benefit payment dates
PDB	Public Disability Benefit
PE	Post Entitlement- Title II
PE	Post Eligibility- Title XVI
PERC	Pre-Effectuation Review Contact- Title XVI
PIA	Primary Insurance Amount- base benefit rate
PMO	Program Management Office
PMV	Presumed Maximum Value- Title XVI
POMS	Program Operations Manual System- SSA claims manual
PPD	Permanent Partial Disability-WC term
PPS	Program Policy Statement-SSR precursor
PRUCOL	Permanent Residence Under Color of Law
PRW	Past Relevant Work

PSC	Program Service Center
PUF	Public Use File
Q	
QA	Quality Assurance
QC	Quarter of Coverage-Title II
QDD	Quick Disability Determination
QMB	Qualified Medicare Beneficiary
QME	Qualified Medical Examiner-WC term
R	
RASR	Registration, Appointment, and Services for Representatives
RC	Regional Commissioner of SSA
RCC	Representative Call Center
RCD	Regional Communications Director
RCALJ	Regional Chief ALJ
RFC	Residual Functional Capacity
RFH	Request for Hearing
RFR	Request for Reconsideration
RIB	Retirement Insurance Benefits-Title II
RMO	Regional Management Officer
RO	Regional Office
RPO	Regional Program Officer
RRB	Railroad Retirement Board
TRRT	Regional Trust Review Team
S	
SDI	State Disability Insurance
SDM	Single Decision Maker
SEPSC	Southeastern Program Service Center- PC3
SEQY	Summary Earnings Query- Title II
SGA	Substantial Gainful Activity
SHA	Supervisory Hearing Assistant
SHOP	Standard Hearings Operations Procedure
SIB	Spouse's Insurance Benefits- Title II
SLMB	Special Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
SMIB	Supplemental Medical Insurance Benefits-same as HIB
SAA	Senior Attorney Advisor
SSA	Social Security Administration
SSDC	Social Security (Title II) and SSI (Title XVI) Concurrent claim
SSDI	Social Security Disability Insurance- Title II
SSI	Supplemental Security Income- Title XVI
SSID	SSI Disability
SSID	SSI Display- computer query
SSIRD	SSI Record Display- computer query

SSLP	Social Security Law and Practice-West Group
SSP	State Supplementary Payments- optional state SSI add-on
SSRS	Social Security Reporting Service- West Group
SSR	Social Security Ruling
T	
TERI	Terminal Illness
TI	Temporary Institutionalization
TSC	Teleservice Center
TSG	Target Scheduling Month
TTD	Temporary Total Disability- WC term
TWP	Trial Work Period- Title II
U	
UI	Unearned Income- Title XVI
UI	Unemployment Insurance
UP	Under-Payment
USC	United States Code
USCA	United States Code Annotated
UWA	Unsuccessful Work Attempt
V	
VE	Vocational Expert
VR	Vocational Rehabilitation
VTC	Video Teleconferencing Hearing
VTR	Value of the One-Third Reduction-Title XVI
W	
WAC	Workload Action Center
WC	Worker's Compensation
WE	Wage Earner- Title II
WIB	Widow(er)'s Insurance Benefits- Title II
WNPSC	Western Program Service Center- PC5
WSU	Workload Support Unit