

Series' investment objective, policies and restrictions.

11. No trustee or officer of a Series, or member or officer of the Manager will own, directly or indirectly (other than through a pooled investment vehicle that is not controlled by any such person), any interest in a Sub-Adviser, except for: (a) ownership of interest in the Manager or any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Manager, or (b) ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding securities of any class of equity or debt of a publicly traded company that is either a Sub-Adviser or an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with a Sub-Adviser.

12. Each Series will disclose in its registration statement the Aggregate Fee Disclosure.

13. The requested order will expire on the effective date of rule 15a-5 under the Investment Company Act, if adopted.

For the Commission, by the Division of Investment Management, under delegated authority.

**Jill M. Peterson,**

*Assistant Secretary.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Modifications to the Disability Determination Procedures; Extension of Testing of Some Disability Redesign Features

**AGENCY:** Social Security Administration (SSA).

**ACTION:** Notice of the extension of tests involving modifications to the disability determination procedures.

**SUMMARY:** We are announcing the extension of tests involving modifications to our disability determination procedures that we are conducting under the authority of current rules codified at 20 CFR 404.906 and 416.1406. These rules provide authority to test several modifications to the disability determination procedures that we normally follow in adjudicating claims for disability insurance benefits under title II of the Social Security Act (the Act) and for supplemental security income payments based on disability under title XVI of the Act. On September 25, 2003, we announced an approach to improve the disability determination process. We have decided to extend the testing of two redesign features of the disability prototype for 21 months to ensure a smooth transition

while these changes to the disability determination process are being developed.

**DATES:** We are extending our selection of cases to be included in these tests from December 31, 2003 until no later than September 30, 2005. If we decide to continue selection of cases for these tests beyond this date, we will publish another notice in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phil Landis, Disability Process Redesign Staff, Office of Disability Determinations, Social Security Administration, 6401 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21235-6401, 410-965-5388.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Current regulations at 20 CFR 404.906 and 416.1406 authorize us to test, individually, or in any combination, different modifications to the disability determination procedures. We have conducted several tests under the authority of these rules, including a prototype that incorporates a number of modifications to the disability determination procedures that the State agencies use. The prototype included three redesign features, and we previously extended the tests of two of those features: the use of a single decisionmaker, in which a disability examiner may make the initial disability determination in most cases without requiring the signature of a medical consultant; and elimination of the reconsideration level of review. We are now announcing a further extension of the testing of these two features.

We also have conducted another test involving the use of a single decisionmaker who may make the initial disability determination in most cases without requiring the signature of a medical consultant. We are also extending the period during which we will select cases to be included in this test of the single decisionmaker feature.

### Extension of Testing of Some Disability Redesign Features

On August 30, 1999, we published in the **Federal Register** a notice announcing a prototype that would test a new disability claims process in 10 States, also called the prototype process (64 FR 47218). On December 23, 1999, we published a notice in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 72134) extending the period during which we would select cases to be included in a separate test of the single decisionmaker feature. In these notices, we stated that selection of cases was expected to be concluded on or about December 31, 2001. We also stated that, if we decided to continue the tests beyond that date, we would

publish another notice in the **Federal Register**. We subsequently published notices in the **Federal Register** extending selection of cases for these tests. Most recently, on June 30, 2003, we published a notice extending selection of cases for the tests until no later than December 31, 2003 (68 FR 38737). We also stated that, if we decided to continue selection of cases for these tests beyond that date, we would publish another notice in the **Federal Register**. We have decided to extend selection of cases for two features of the prototype process (single decisionmaker and elimination of the reconsideration step), and the separate test of single decisionmaker beyond December 31, 2003. We expect that our selection of cases for these tests will end on or before September 30, 2005.

This extension also applies to the locations in the State of New York that we added to the prototype test in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 26, 2000 (65 FR 81553).

Dated: December 1, 2003.

**Martin H. Gerry,**

*Deputy Commissioner for Disability and Income Security Programs.*

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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This statement amends Part S and T of the Statement of the Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority that covers the Social Security Administration (SSA). This notice establishes a new Human Capital Planning Staff at the Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources level. It deletes language from the Office of Workforce Analysis in the Office of the Chief Strategic Officer and adds that language to the **Federal Register** material for the Human Capital Planning Staff. It establishes the Executive and Special Services Staff as a separate Deputy Commissioner for Human Resources' organization. It also retitles and re-describes the functions of two Staffs in the Office of Personnel, *i.e.*, the Project Management Staff (S7BH) and the Personnel Management Information Systems and Payroll Staff (S7BJ). It revises the **Federal Register** language for the Center for Personnel Policy and Staffing and, in addition, it establishes the Center for Employee Benefits in the Office of Personnel. It creates three centers in the Office of Training and three centers in the Office of Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity. It also