Strengthening Protections for Social Security Beneficiaries

HR 4547
Representative Payees

Approximately 5.7 million payees managing $70 billion in annual benefits for 8 million beneficiaries.

- Mental Hospitals (public and private)
- Nursing Homes / Assisted Living Facilities
- Fee-for Service Payees
- Social Service Organizations
- Individual Payees
- Family Members
Representative Payees

5.7 Million Representative Payees

5,000 P&A Reviews
History

• Statutory Requirements
• Individual Payees
• Henry’s Turkey Service Scandal
• Discretionary Review Program
NDRN Project  
(2010 – 2015)

• Year 1: 350 Reviews - 1,750 beneficiaries

• Year 5: 1000 Reviews – 5,000 beneficiaries

• 50 P&As Involved

• Development of “Wild Card” concept
ISN Corporation

A Contractor on Behalf of SSA

• **LITTLE** Disability Experience
• **VERY FEW** Cleared Staff
• **LACKING** Experienced Staff

Failure to Preform
HR 4547

- House Ways and Means Committee Held 2 Hearings

- Passed House 396 – 0

- Passes Senate By Unanimous Consent

- Signed by President April 13, 2018
Statute

• Formula Grant to All 57 P&A Agencies Based on Number of Beneficiaries in the State/Territory

• $25 Million Annual Allotment

• $60,000 Minimum State | $30,000 Territory

• Start-up August 1, 2018

• Expenditures for Start up as of May 1, 2018

• ISN Contract ends 7/31/18
Other Provisions

• End Individual Accounting Forms (saving $70-$90 million annually)

• Research Projects

• Net Saving to SSA $25-$30 Million
National Assistance Grantee (NAG)

• 4% of Allotment = $1 Million

• Sole Source to NDRN

• Begins June 1, 2018
NDRN Scope of Work

• Provide Training
• Deliver Administrative Oversight
• Training and Technical Assistance
• Other Support for Reviews and Educational Visits
P&A Scope of Work

- Individual Payees Serving 14 or Fewer Beneficiaries
- Individual Payees Serving 15 or More Beneficiaries
- Organizational Payees Serving 49 or Fewer Beneficiaries
- Organizational Payees Serving 50 or More Beneficiaries
P&A Scope of Work

• Fee-for-Service Organization Serving 5 to 49 Beneficiaries

• Fee-for-Service Organizational Payees Serving 50 or More Beneficiaries

• Onsite State Mental Institutions

• Quick Response Check – Misuse Not Alleged

• Quick Response Check – Misuse Alleged
P&A Scope of Work

• Educational Visits

• P&A Initiated Reviews

• Plan of Correction
P&A Initiated (wild card)

- Vision of Impact
- Technical Assistance Contractors
- Living Conditions
- Guardianship
One National Payee
Round 1 Reviews (1,234)
Corrective Action Plans

- SSA
- Rep Payee Review
- P&A Programs
- 3rd Party Referral

Financial Mismanagement / Misuse
Beneficiary Wellbeing
P&A Initiated (wild card)

Long-Term Care (LTC) Ombudsman

Centers for Independent Living (CILs)

Disability Advocates

Social Service Agencies

Legal Service Organizations

Legal Guardians

Family Members

Disability Service Providers
Questions / Trends

• Relationship to Aging Programs

• Relationship to PAIMI

• Role of Guardians

• Over utilization of Rep Payees

• Exchange of Information (Courts, APS, Law Enforcement, etc.)