

## **Self-Employment Income (SEI)**

- We accept and process payments based on SEI earnings only
- Beneficiaries are considered self-employed if they:
  - Generate income directly from goods or services they provide customers, clients or other organizations as opposed to being an employee of a business (or person);
  - Do not have tax withholdings from their regular wages and do not pay Social Security taxes;
  - Are the sole owner of their own business or trade; or
  - Are an independent contractor.
- SEI earnings are usually available to the Social Security Administration (Social Security) between July and December following the close of the tax year.

## **The Work Number – When ENs should submit Supplemental Earnings Statement**

- A number of Employment Networks (ENs) use the service of the Work Number, a third-party service which provides a verification of employment and outcome. In some situations the service is free.
- The Work Number allows requestors to receive immediate confirmation of an individual's employment and salary for verification purposes.
- The Work Number collects week-by-week salary information which is as up to date as the last pay period and can go back many years. It also collects the length of employment, job titles, location information, and other kinds of human resources-related information.

## **Code of Federal Regulations §411.552**

The regulatory policy in 20 CFR §411.552 clarifies under which program payment rate an EN will receive payments when a beneficiary is entitled initially under SSI and later becomes entitled under both SSI and SSDI, i.e. concurrent.

## **Split Payment**

If a beneficiary worked with two ENs the payments may be shared among the ENs, referred to as Split Payment. It is important to note that payments do not increase because they are shared between multiple ENs.

## **Phase 1 Milestone Claim Month**

If the Ticket Portal has not identified sufficient earnings to support Phase 1 milestone payments. This may be an instance where the payment request was prohibited, based on findings that Phase 1 milestones restrictions exist for the following reasons.

- Look Back Earnings (Earnings prior to Ticket Assignment Date)
- Successful VR closure
- If by chance these milestone restrictions are associated in error with the EN, it is the responsibility of the EN to supply information that refutes the claim of Phase 1 milestone restrictions in this case.



## All EN Payments Call Recap

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#### **Viewing Payments**

Only evidentiary payment requests are allowed in the portal. If the portal determines that there are sufficient earnings in SSA's records to pay this case, you do not have to upload evidence of earnings.

If there are not enough earnings in SSA's systems to pay the claim you must submit evidence that the beneficiary is working at the level required for the payment type you requested in the claim month you entered.

If you do not have earnings evidence, select the 'Close' button to cancel the creation of a payment request.

If you do have earnings evidence, select the 'Yes' radio button under 'Add Earnings?'

The full transcript and audio from the All EN Payments Call are available at <https://yourtickettowork.com/web/ttw/events-archive>.

The next All EN Payments Call will be held **Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 3 p.m. ET.**