

E-Pay Status Update

- Current E-PAY processing began on April 25, 2016
- Claims are processed by Social Security Number (SSN) instead of DUNS
- The current E-PAY file contains over 14,000 SSNs.
 - As of Monday, May 23, 11,690 claims had been processed.
- When submitting information to the Employment Network Service Branch (ENSB) about payments, annotate your Employment Network (EN) Contact Information for Payments. To add a payment contact, send a request to <u>enservice@ssa.gov</u> and specify the name of the person and indicate the title you want them to have. All payments contacts must have completed suitability.

Payment Method Comparison

- Outcome-Only Payment Method
 - No payments until beneficiary reaches gross SGA (\$1,130/month non-blind;
 \$1,820/month blind or visually impaired for 2016)
 - Beneficiary stops receiving Federal cash benefits due to work earnings
- Milestone-Outcome Payment Method
 - o Phase 1 Milestones
 - Phase 1 Milestone 1 can be paid once the Ticket Holder has earned the Trial Work Level (TWL) amount for one month. This payment may also be available if the beneficiary did not work the entire month, but was earning enough that it would have equaled TWL if that person had worked the entire month. The beneficiary should have earned no less than 50% of TWL.
 - Phase I Milestone 2 can be paid once the Ticket Holder has earned the Trial Work Level amount for three months within a six-month period.
 - Phase I Milestone 3 can be paid once the Ticket Holder has earned

the Trial Work Level amount for six months within a 12-month period.

- Phase I Milestone 4 can be paid once the Ticket Holder has earned the Trial Work Level amount for nine months within an 18-month period.
- o Phase 2 Milestones
 - Paid when the Ticket Holder reaches Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) but still receives benefits from Social Security.

Updated 18-Month Lookback Tool

 18-Month Lookback Tool: The 18 Month Look Back tool allows ENs or TPM EN Payments staffs to enter a ticket assignment date (far right column) mm/yyyy. The tool then calculates 18 months prior to the ticket assignment date, month/year and loads the tool with these months. Staffs then plug in "X's" under each month to indicate if earnings ≥ TWL. The spreadsheet will post a 'Yes' or 'No' for each Phase 1 milestone in the chart below (far left) to indicate whether or not a Phase 1 milestone payment is available. The new 18-Month Lookback Tool now has the functionality to enter the DDO and make the calculations. With this new feature the 18 month period between the DDO and TAD is calculated accurately.

Employer Prepared Earnings Statement vs Supplemental Earnings Statement

The Supplemental Earning Statement (SES) and the Employer Prepared Earnings Statement ask for similar information but are used for two different purposes.

• Supplemental Earnings Statement

- Use the Supplemental Earnings Statement Form when:
 - Pay stubs are missing required information
 - Pay stubs are illegible

Employer Prepared Earnings Statement

• Use the Employer Prepared Earnings Statement form if:



- You are not able to obtain any earnings documents from the beneficiary and earnings information is not available via The Work Number.
- You've received earnings documentation that are not legible because they have been faxed or copied repeatedly and the beneficiary no longer has the original copy.
- You have the employer contact information, you can complete and submit this signed form as a source of primary evidence.
- It provides affirmation from the employer that all withholdings were made.

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

The next All EN Payments Call will be held Tuesday, June 28, at 3 p.m. ET.

