

## **FY 2003 Proposals**

### **Proposals To Support the President's New Freedom Initiative**

1. Exclude Payments Made to Americorps Volunteers for Purposes of Determining SSI Eligibility and Benefit Amount and for Purposes of Counting Trial Work Period Months and Substantial Gainful Activity in the DI Program
2. Exclude Childcare Expenses from Earned Income
3. Eliminate the Age, Marital Status, and Head-of-Household Status Restrictions to Eligibility to the Student Earned Income Exclusion Under the Supplemental Security Income Program
4. Exclude Gifts of Monies Received for the Educational Expenses of the Individual, That Are Not Used for Food, Clothing or Shelter from Unearned Income and Resources for a Specified Period
5. Medicaid Eligibility for SSI-Eligible Couples When Earnings of One Member of Couple Causes the Non-Working Member to Lose SSI and Medicaid Eligibility

### **Proposal for Fund To Reduce Improper Payments and Expand Electronic Government**

6. Create a Program Integrity And Information Technology Fund

### **Proposals To Further Improve Financial Performance and Reduce Improper Payments**

7. Making the Trust Funds Whole for Military Service Credit Adjustments (Quinquennial Adjustments)
8. Exempt the Trust Funds from Payment of More Than Actual Costs for Rental Property
9. Return to Full Reimbursement for Medicaid-Related Activities
10. Use of Debt Collection Tools to Recover Title II Overpayments Owed By Beneficiaries Who Are Incarcerated
11. Reporting Incentives for Workers Compensation Providers
12. Exclusion for Infrequent and Irregular Income and Limited Interest Exclusion for Interest and Dividends

### **Proposals To Ensure the Integrity of Social Security Program with Zero Tolerance for Fraud and Abuse**

13. Provide for Nonpayment of Benefits Upon Removal From the United States for Violating Their Nonimmigrant Status or for Smuggling Other Aliens into the United States
14. Withhold Social Security Benefits in Fraud Cases
15. Make the Trial Work Period Unavailable to Beneficiaries Who Fraudulently Conceal Work Activity
16. Penalties for Unauthorized Sale or Transfer of Social Security Numbers
17. Expand Civil Monetary Penalty Provision to Prohibit Fraud by Omission
18. Strengthen the Penalties for Program Fraud
19. Permit Court-Ordered Restitution

20. Provide Additional Safeguards for Social Security, Title VIII and Supplemental Security Income Beneficiaries with Representative Payees
21. Disqualification of Certain Representative Payees Who Have Been Imprisoned in the Past and Provision for Criminal Background Inquiries
22. Expand the Civil Monetary Penalty Authority to Include Social Security Number Misuse and the Misuse of a Beneficiary's Funds by a Representative Payee
23. Authority to Redirect Delivery of Benefit Payments When Representative Payee Fails to Provide Required Accounting
24. Refusal to Recognize Certain Individuals as Claimant Representatives
25. Authorize Civil and/or Criminal Penalties for Non-SSA Employee or Contractor Confidentiality Violations of a Memorandum of Understanding
26. Provide Criminal Penalties for the Resale of Personal Information
27. Amend Section 1140 of the Social Security Act so That It Expressly Applies to Internet Addresses
28. Exclusion of Medical Providers Under Civil Monetary Penalty Provision
29. Expand Authority of Agencies To Enhance Efficiency of Computer Matches
30. Require Companies to Notify Consumers if they Charge Fees for Services Provided for Free by SSA
31. Social Security Card Improvements
32. Transfer Authority for Allowing Special Agents of the Office of the Inspector General to Carry Firearms, Make Arrests, and Serve Search Warrants From the Department of Justice to SSA's Office of the Inspector General
33. Penalties for Attempts To Interfere with Administration of Social Security Act

### **Proposals to Promote Valued, Strong, and Responsive Social Security Programs**

34. Elimination of Bar to State Performance of Reconsideration of Disability Cessation Determinations Rendered by the Commissioner
35. Availability of Divided Retirement System Procedure to All States
36. Elimination of Transcript Requirement in Remand Cases Fully Favorable to the Claimant
37. Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988
38. Waiver of Two-Year Duration of Divorce Requirement in Certain Cases
39. Provide That Certain American Indian Noncitizens Be Considered Lawfully Present in the United States for OASDI Purposes
40. Provide an Exception to Retrospective Monthly Accounting To Count One-Time or Nonrecurring Income Only for the Month the Income Is Actually Received
41. Elimination of the Dedicated Account Requirement
42. Removal of the Restriction on Payment of Benefits to Children Who Become Blind or Disabled After Their Military Parents Are Stationed Overseas
43. Uniform 9-Month Resource Exclusion Periods
44. Prohibit Retroactive SSI Payments to Prisoners, Fugitive Felons, and Parole Violators
45. Technical Correction Respecting Retirement Benefits of Ministers
46. Technical Correction Respecting Responsible Agency Head