



Agency Priority Goal Action Plan

Improve Supplemental Security Income Payment Accuracy

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Overview

Goal Statement and Targets

Improve the integrity of the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program by focusing our efforts on reducing overpayments.

- By September 30, 2018, achieve an SSI overpayment accuracy rate of 94 percent
- By September 30, 2019, achieve an SSI overpayment accuracy rate of 94 percent

Challenge

We rely on SSI recipients to timely report changes in income, resources, and living arrangements in order to accurately determine their eligibility for the program and payment amount. Without timely reports, we incur improper payments.

Opportunity

We strive to increase our payment accuracy by using more data and technology, which include:

- Providing an additional option for reporting earnings using authority from the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015, Section 826, “Electronic Reporting of Earnings.”
- Applying an automated process for receiving commercial records on real property ownership

Strategic Alignment

This APG supports our strategic goal “Ensure Stewardship” and strategic objective “Improve Program Integrity.”

Implementation Strategies

- Conduct SSI redeterminations (a program integrity workload to ensure stewardship and efficient administration of the SSI program)
- Increase timely wage reporting to address a root cause of improper payments and prevent their recurrence
- Automate non-home real property to address a root cause of improper payments to prevent their recurrence
- Collaborate with partners to address improper payments

Risks and Mitigation

Key Risk	Mitigation
Reliance on SSI recipients to timely self-report changes that may affect eligibility or payment amount.	We continue to pursue data exchanges to secure data directly and reduce our dependence on SSI recipients to self-report.
The SSI program design makes eligibility requirements complex.	We continue to propose legislation that would simplify the SSI program and reduce self-reporting requirements.
Competition with other agency priorities for limited information technology (IT) resources.	We have a sound business process for making IT investment decisions.
As we advance our program integrity activities, we detect increases in overpayment errors	We acknowledge this risk as a consequence of expanding our program integrity activities and will continue to strive to reduce SSI overpayments.

FY 2019 Q2 Progress Update

Primary Indicator (Annual Target Only)

FY 2018 Target: 94 percent SSI Overpayment (O/P) Accuracy Rate

FY 2018 Results: Available summer 2019

FY 2019 Target: 94 percent SSI O/P Accuracy Rate

FY 2019 Results: Available summer 2020

Secondary Indicators Q2 Results¹ (Annual Targets Only)

SSI Redeterminations Completed

FY 2019 Target: 2,822,000

FYTD 2019 Results (through Q2): 1,432,144

SSI U/P Accuracy Rate

FY 2019 Target: 98.8 percent

FY 2019 Results: Available summer 2020

SSI Wage Reporting

FY 2019 Target: Increase FY 2018 wage report results by 4 percent (1,254,468)

FYTD 2019 Results (through Q2): 622,198

¹ FY 2019 Q2 results are through March 29, 2019, which is the end of the operating month.

FY 2019 Q2 Progress Update

Key Milestone	Due Date	Status	Comments
Evaluate outcomes from integrating third party, non-home real property data in the SSI claims system and define a plan and baseline for measuring effectiveness.	Q1 FY 2019	Complete	FY 2018 was the first full year with non-home real property data. We evaluated SSI initial claims and non-medical redeterminations.
Expand functionality in myWR internet application.	Q2 FY 2019	Complete	We released myWR functionality to protect personally identifiable information by replacing the SSN with a Beneficiary Notice Code, added a frequency of paycheck to ensure accuracy of pay stub information, and improved application security.
Establish a computer matching agreement with DHS to obtain arrival and departure information for use in determining SSI eligibility.	Q3 FY 2019	On-Track	We shared the draft Memorandum of Agreement with Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and are resolving DHS' comments and questions to initiate the request for final clearance.

FY 2019 Q2 Progress Update

Overall APG Progress

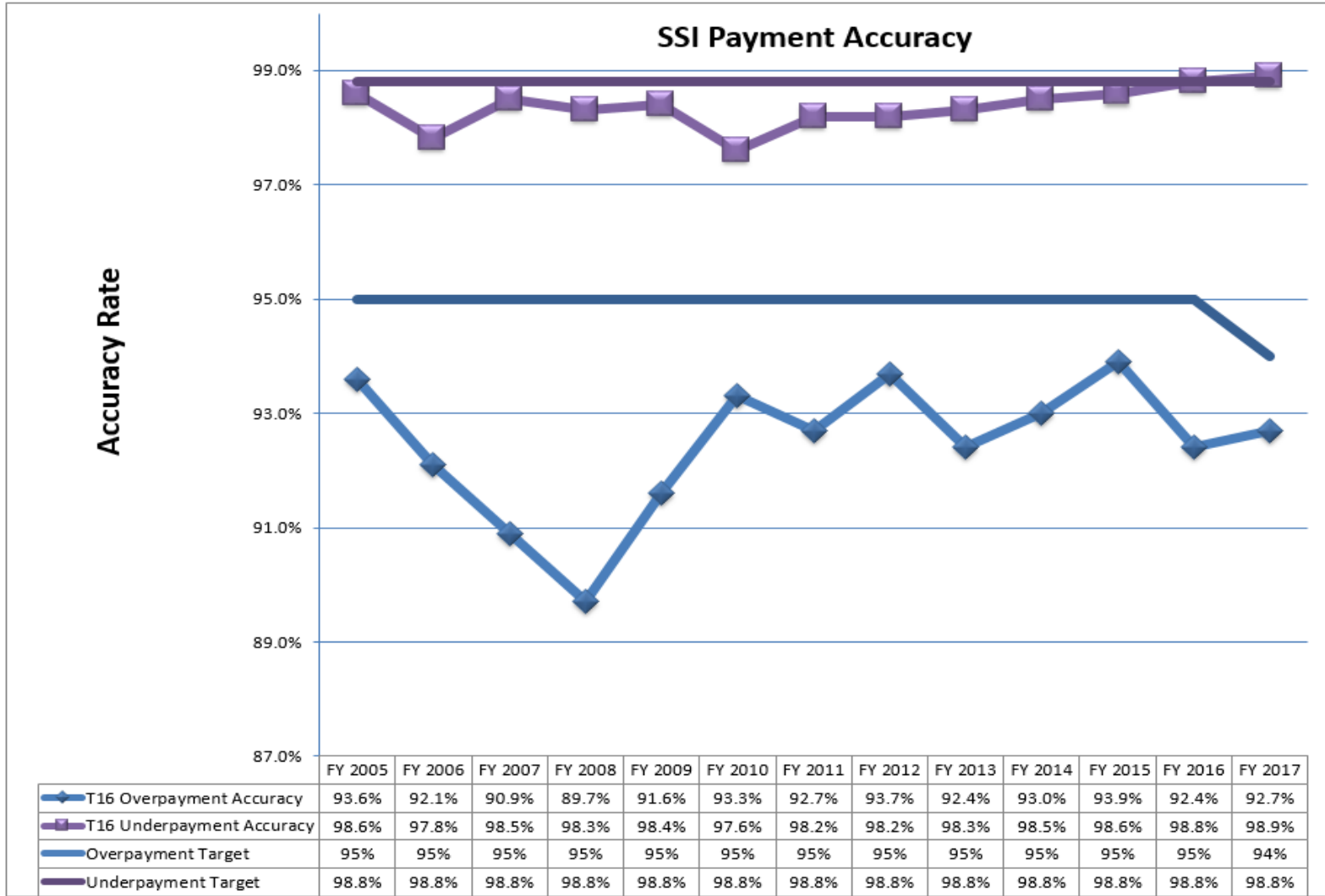
Our desired FY 2019 outcome is to achieve an SSI overpayment accuracy rate of 94 percent. The results will be available in summer 2020.

We continue to implement strategies to increase our payment accuracy through using our most powerful and reliable program integrity tools (i.e., SSI non-medical redeterminations); expanding options for SSI recipients, representative payees on their behalf, and deemors² to increase timely reporting; developing a marketing strategy for members of the public to increase awareness of reporting responsibilities for wages and resources; exploring targeted enhancement of messaging in notices of reporting responsibilities for OASDI beneficiaries and SSI recipients; continuing with Access to Financial Accounts (AFI) development, and collaborating with partners to address improper payments through data exchanges.

By the close of the second quarter, we completed more than 50 percent of our SSI non-medical redeterminations. We also expanded myWageReport (myWR) functionality by adding a frequency of pay check and message alerts when two or more paystubs are entered with overlapping periods to ensure accuracy of pay stub information.

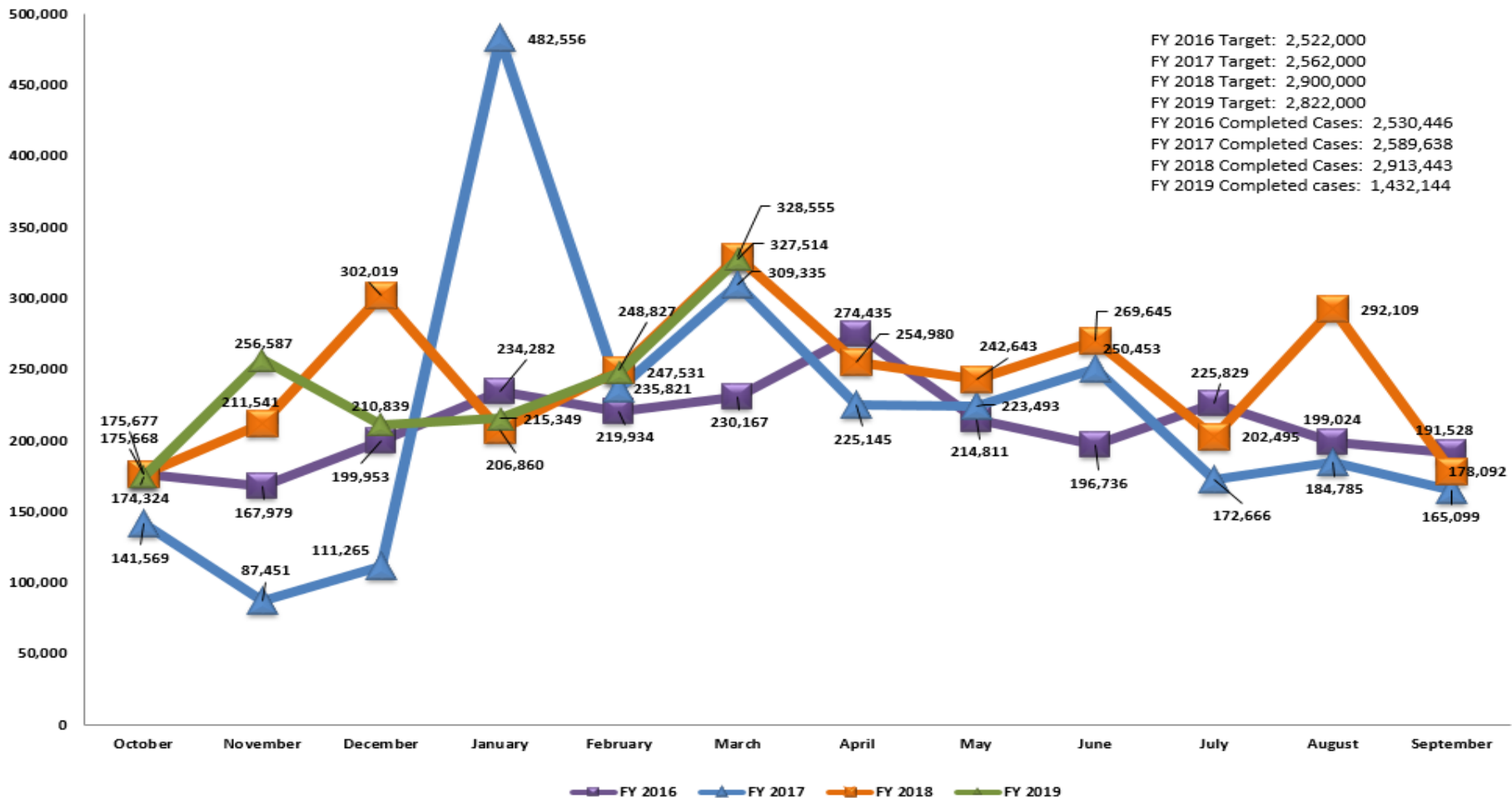
² A deemor is a person (e.g., parent or spouse) whose income and resources we consider when determining a person's eligibility or payment amount for SSI.

Historical Data



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SSI Redeterminations and Limited Issues Completed



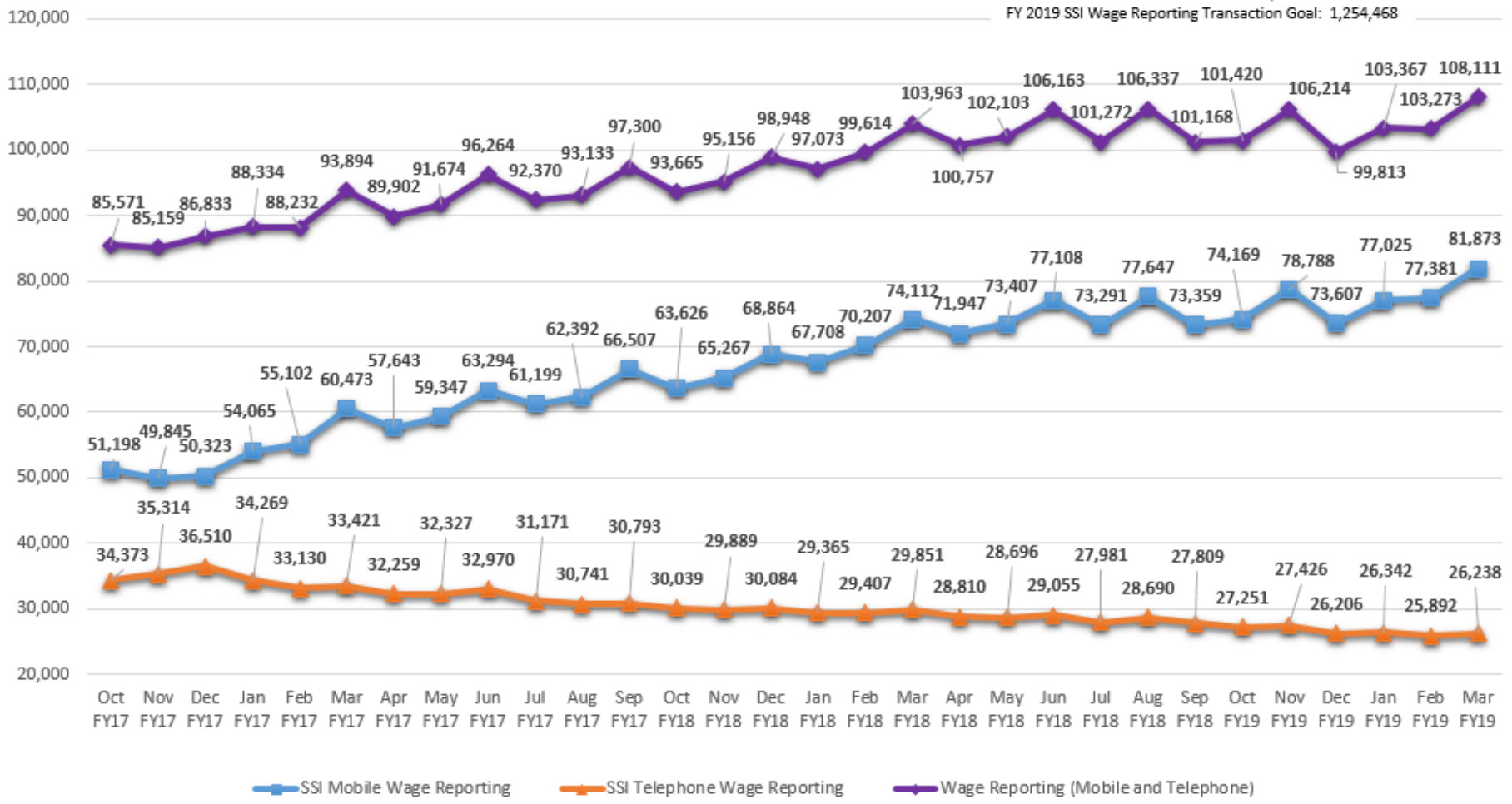
FY 2016 Target: 2,522,000
 FY 2017 Target: 2,562,000
 FY 2018 Target: 2,900,000
 FY 2019 Target: 2,822,000
 FY 2016 Completed Cases: 2,530,446
 FY 2017 Completed Cases: 2,589,638
 FY 2018 Completed Cases: 2,913,443
 FY 2019 Completed cases: 1,432,144

Note: SSI Redeterminations and Limited Issues are closely monitored to ensure we meet our end-of-year target. Each month fluctuates; however, we have consistently met our annual goals.

Historical Data

Secondary Indicator - SSI Wage Reporting

FY 2017 MWR Total Transactions: 691,388
 FY 2017 TWR Total Transactions: 397,278
 FY 2018 MWR Total Transactions: 856,543
 FY 2018 TWR Total Transactions: 349,676
 FY 2019 SSI Wage Reporting Transaction Goal: 1,254,468



Data Accuracy and Reliability

The annual SSI Stewardship review is our methodology for determining payment accuracy.

Each year, we report on the findings from our SSI Stewardship Review of the non-medical aspects of SSI payments. Stewardship review findings provide the basis for reports to monitoring authorities, as well as for the reporting requirements contained in the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002, as amended by the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010, and the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012 and published in our Agency Financial Report.

In addition, our agency's Annual Performance Report includes an SSI payment accuracy performance measure as part of our strategic objective to "Improve Program Integrity." We also use Stewardship data to identify opportunities for improvement.

Stakeholders

Internal Stakeholders:

Our Improper Payments Oversight Board provides enterprise-wide governance and accountability. The Board's role is to serve as the corporate team to: oversee all improper payment related activities for the agency; collaborate and shape strategy; resolve cross-component differences; address challenges encountered by staff; and drive timely results.

External Stakeholders:

Congress: Congress has a continued interest in our efforts to reduce improper payments.

Claimant Advocacy and Disability Advocacy Organizations: These organizations advocate for the rights of persons who apply for and receive SSI.

The Public: We balance our program integrity responsibilities with our commitment to serve the public and issue timely benefits.