

Proposal for SSA Program Integrity - CBO's Estimate of President's Fiscal Year 2016 Budget^a

(Millions of dollars, by fiscal year)

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2016-2025 |
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| Budget Authority Provided for SSA Program Integrity Activities Under the President's Policy | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Discretionary | 1,439 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,439 |
| Mandatory | 0 | 1,805 | 1,728 | 1,676 | 1,582 | 1,575 | 1,631 | 1,688 | 1,747 | 1,808 | 15,240 |
| Total | 1,439 | 1,805 | 1,728 | 1,676 | 1,582 | 1,575 | 1,631 | 1,688 | 1,747 | 1,808 | 16,679 |

Memorandum

Changes in Direct Spending that are Not Scored Resulting from Changes in Total Funding Provided for Program Integrity Activities^{b,c}

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|------------------------------|---|----|----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Supplemental Security Income | 8 | 56 | -2 | -50 | -31 | 62 | 216 | 361 | 473 | 644 | 1,737 |
| Medicaid | * | -1 | * | * | * | * | -1 | -2 | -3 | -4 | -11 |

Notes: SSA = Social Security Administration; * = between -\$500,000 and \$500,000.

a. The President's budget request calls for specified amounts of discretionary and mandatory funding for SSA to conduct continuing disability reviews (CDRs) and redeterminations. CDRs examine whether disabled beneficiaries in the Social Security Disability Insurance program and the Supplemental Security Income program continue to meet the Social Security Act's definition of disabled and thus continue to be eligible for benefits. Redeterminations examine whether SSI recipients continue to meet the Act's non-disability criteria and are receiving the correct benefit amount.

b. For Congressional scorekeeping purposes, changes in benefit spending can only be counted or "scored" if the Congress makes a substantive change to the authorizing legislation.

c. Because the amounts proposed in the President's request for program integrity funding are lower than CBO's baseline projections for most years, CBO estimates that the President's proposal would increase benefit costs over the 10-year period, relative to CBO's baseline. A total of \$1,527 million was provided in the FY 2015 appropriation for SSA program integrity activities, including \$1,396 million appropriated for this purpose and an additional \$131 million from the funding for SSA administrative expenses. CBO's discretionary baseline for subsequent years incorporates the assumption that appropriations in future years will continue to provide amounts equal to current-year appropriations, adjusted for inflation.

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| CBO's baseline projection of discretionary funding for SSA program activities: | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | <u>2016-2025</u> |
| | 1,570 | 1,616 | 1,669 | 1,723 | 1,779 | 1,836 | 1,896 | 1,956 | 2,017 | 2,081 | 18,141 |