DISABILITY RIGHTS PENNSYLVANIA

BENEFITS PLANNING QUERY

A BPQY provides information about a beneficiary's disability cash benefits, health insurance, scheduled continuing disability reviews, representative payee, and work history, as stored in Social Security's electronic records. The BPQY is an important planning tool for a beneficiary, an AWIC, Plan to Achieve Self-Support Specialist, benefits counselor, or other person who may be developing customized services for a disability beneficiary who wants to start working or stay on the job. For instructions on reading and interpreting a BPQY statement as well as details on the components of a BPQY statement, see our BPQY Handbook located at BPQY Handbook.

We provide BPQYs to beneficiaries, their representative payees and their authorized representatives of record upon request. Beneficiaries can request a BPQY by contacting their local Social Security office or by calling Social Security's toll-free number, **1-800-772-1213** between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m., Monday through Friday. People who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call our toll-free TTY/TDD number, **1-800-325-0778**, between 7 a. m. and 7 p. m. Monday through Friday.

If someone other than the beneficiary, representative payee, or appointed representative (a benefits counselor, for example) wishes to receive a BPQY, they must submit two ***SSA-3288*** forms (*Consent for Release of Information*) that have been signed by the beneficiary. One is to authorize the release of Social Security records and the other to authorize the release of Internal Revenue Service earnings records. Both releases must contain the beneficiary's Social Security number or the claim number. Copies of the *SSA-3288* are available at https://www.ssa.gov/online/ssa-3288.pdf.