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Subject: SSDI vs. SSI

Dear Colleague:

Help us educate the public about some common misconceptions about the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program and the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.

There are many differences between the two programs, which are not always clear to the public. As you know, SSDI benefits come from the Social Security trust funds and are based on workers' earnings. By contrast, SSI payments come from the general fund of the U.S. Treasury – NOT from the Social Security trust funds. SSI is a needs-based program, and payments are not based on earnings.

While SSDI and SSI are different programs, the Social Security Administration administers both. **Help us educate the public on this frequent misconception by simply visiting our [Facebook post](#) and selecting the “Share” button.**

We will continue to post other differences between the two programs and welcome your participation sharing those posts as well.

Sincerely,
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