The Social Security Administration's Compliance with the Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019 in Fiscal Year 2025
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Objective

To determine whether the Social Security Administration (SSA) met all requirements of the *Payment Integrity Information Act of 2019* (PIIA) in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 *Agency Financial Report* and accompanying materials.

Background

On March 2, 2020, the President signed PIIA to improve efforts to identify and reduce Government-wide improper payments (IP).

In March 2021, the Office of Management and Budget updated Government-wide guidance on implementing PIIA to require that agencies report specific IP information in their annual financial reports and accompanying materials.

The law and guidance require that Inspectors General review the IP information their respective agencies report in their agency financial reports and accompanying materials.

Results

In FY 2025, SSA complied with all 10 PIIA reporting requirements for the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) and Disability Insurance (DI) programs. SSA also complied with eight PIIA reporting requirements for the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program but did not comply with two PIIA reporting requirements because it did not (1) demonstrate improvements in payment integrity or reach a tolerable IP and unknown payment (UP) rate and (2) report an IP and UP estimate of less than 10 percent.

According to SSA, the leading causes of overpayments in the SSI program were financial accounts, wages, and in-kind support and maintenance. The leading causes of overpayments in the OASI program were relationship and dependency, computations, and earnings history. The leading causes of overpayments in the DI program were substantial gainful activity, earnings history, workers' compensation and public disability benefits, and computations.

While SSA has made progress implementing corrective actions for both programs, it still has work to do to address IPs.

Recommendations

We are not making new recommendations in this report. In our prior reports, we recommended SSA (1) conduct a study to expand Access to Financial Institutions searches between the SSI initial application and subsequent eligibility redeterminations; and (2) complete the Foreign Travel Data exchange project. As of the date of this report, SSA had not implemented these recommendations. We encourage SSA to continue working to implement open recommendations from our prior reports.

SSA reviewed our draft report and provided technical comments, which we incorporated into this final report as appropriate. SSA had no formal comments.