Section 218 Council Update

NCSSSA Conference
July 31, 2012; 10:15 to 1045 am
Panel Members:
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Background

- Origin of the concept of a Section 218 Council.
  - April 2010 Section 218 Conference hosted by the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Maryland.
  - Collaboration Committee formed during the April 2010 conference.

- Process and timeframe to establish the Council.
Section 218 Charter

- Informal, multi-organizational workgroup.
- Membership includes representatives from the Social Security Administration (SSA), the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the National Conference of State Social Security Administrators (NCSSSAA).
Council’s Purpose & Scope

- Forum to increase communication between the federal agencies and state administrators.
- Provides a venue in which to raise and address developing issues and facilitate feedback regarding ongoing efforts to address State concerns.
Council’s Purpose & Scope – cont.

The Council will also attempt to reduce administrative burdens by fostering coordination between agencies; reinforce knowledge and understanding of Section 218 policy and mandatory regulatory provisions; and emphasize the importance of education and training for State and local government employees.
The Council has no independent authority to establish or alter policy. Concerns raised and recommendations developed as part of the Council proceedings will be forwarded to the respective agency or the standing Section 218 Committee for further action.

NOTE: The “Section 218 Committee” refers to the multi-agency committee created by the 2002 Memorandum of Understanding, signed by IRS and SSA.
Activities During 2011-2012

- 1st conference call held September 13, 2011.
- Joint IRS, SSA, & NCSSSA webinar created regarding entity consolidations & restructuring.
- Continuation of coverage scenarios with answers for distribution by all Council members.
- Education and training funding and support.
- Periodic conference calls scheduled throughout the year to ensure on-going communication among all parties.
Questions? Comments?